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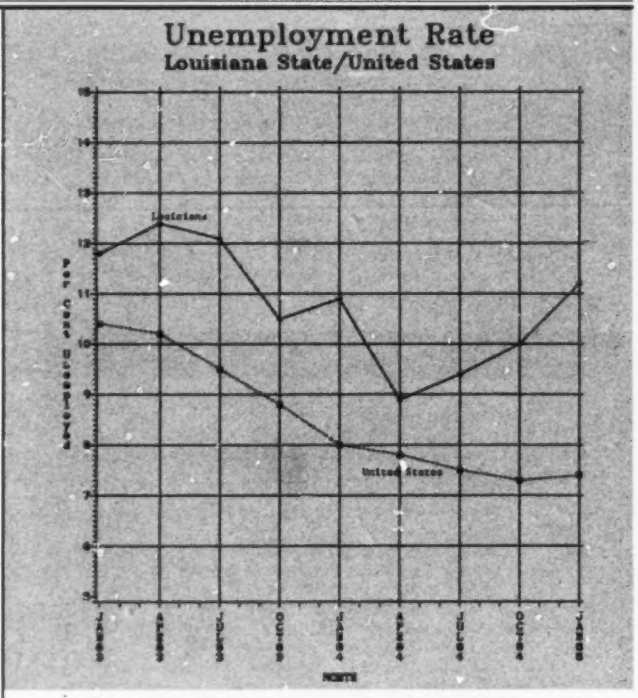
The U.S. economy performed better in the final months of 1984 than had been reported earlier. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual rate of 4.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 1984, instead of the 3.9 percent rate estimated by the U.S. Commerce Department last month. This significant revision of tht GNP was due to a reduction of the trade deficits estimated earlier. The real GNP was 6.9 percent higher in 1984 than it was in 1983. The outlook for 1985 suggests that the national economy will grow 3.5 to 4 percent in the first half of the year, although the growth rate is expected to slow down toward the end of the year.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased three-tenths of one percent in January, following gains of one-tenth of one percent in December 1984 and four-tenths of one percent in November. Recently released data indicate that February production dropped one-half of one percent. Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased seven-tenths of one percent in January, following a one-half of one percent decline in December. The gain in January was due primarily to a four percent increase in national auto sales. Total housing starts increased at an annual rate of 14.9 percent in January, following a revised three-tenths of one percent decline in December. The surge in housing starts was largely due to gains in apartment construction. Gains in construction are expected to be more moderate in the coming months, since interest rates are expected to increase slightly.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) decreased to 7.3 percent in February 1985 from 7.4 percent in January. Total civilian employment increased three-tenths of one percent since January and 2.7 percent since February 1984. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator rose 1.7 percent in January, following



a revised one-half percent decline in December and a revised one-half percent increase in November. The January increase in the U.S. Leading Economic Indicator was the largest since March 1983. This suggests that the U.S. economoy will continue to grow at a steady rate during the next few months.

Inflation continues to be restrained. The Consumer Price Index rose at only a 2.3 percent annual rate in January, and the Producer Price Index was virtually unchanged. Interest rates generally had a small reversal of the downward trend of the past few months. The prime rate at the beginning of March was 10.5 percent, unchanged since the previous month. The Federal funds rate, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of their reserves, moved upwards during most of February, although it has been decreasing slightly since February 22. Most economists believe that interest rates will move moderately upward in the coming months. This might have a moderately adverse effect on the interest sensitive sectors of the economy such as construction, business investments, production and sales of durables, etc.

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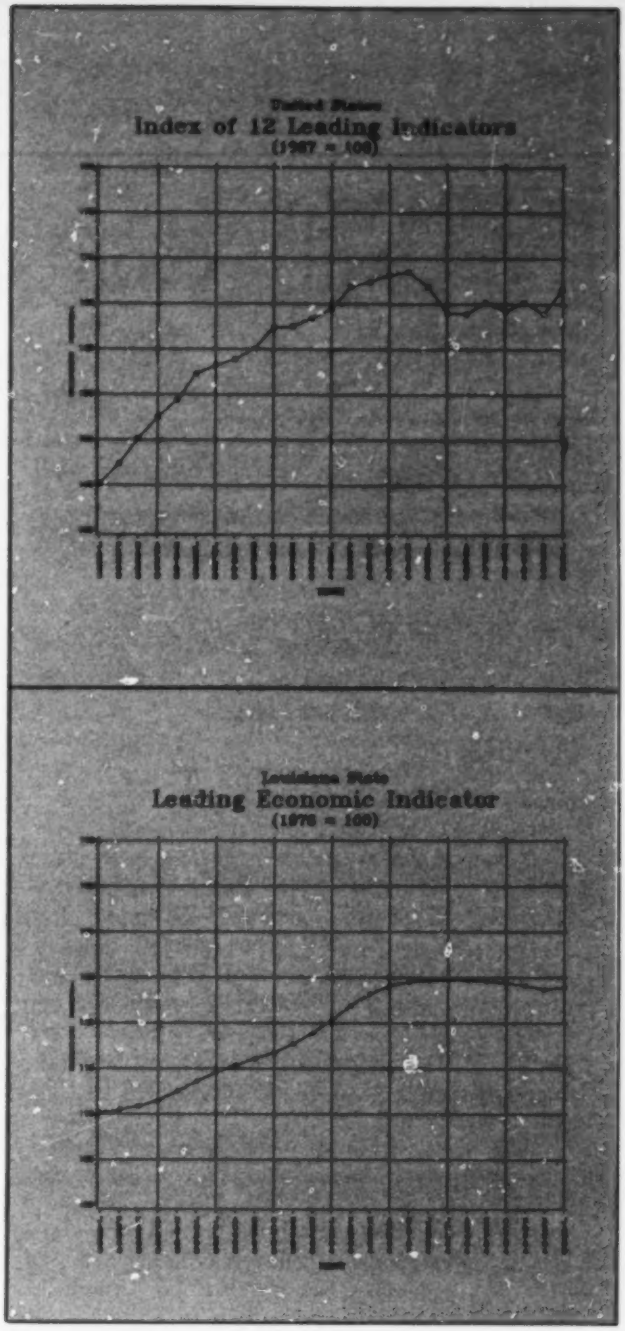

Month	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.2	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	110.2	**120.4**	123.9	145.2	**164.5**	166.7
Feb	12.7	**10.1**	na	10 2	**7.8**	na	110.5	**121.9**	na	147.4	**166.9**	na
Mar	12.7	**9.2**		10.2	**7.8**		110.9	**123.2**		150.2	**167.4**	
Apr	12.4	**8.9**		10.2	**7.8**		111.5	**124.1**		152.5	**168.2**	
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		112.5	**124.5**		154.4	**168.5**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		113.6	**124.7**		157.3	**166.9**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		114.6	**124.8**		158.2	**164.0**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		115.4	**124.7**		158.9	**163.9**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9 1	**7.4**		116.1	**124.6**		160.0	**165.2**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		116.8	**124.4**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		117.7	**124.1**		162.5	**165.2**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		118.9	**123.7**		163.4	**163.9**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,954.9	1,969.8	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	1,893.4	**1,911.9**	1.3	*0.9*	1.4
Total Employed (000)	1,771.1	1,784.5	1,795.3	1,794.0	1,772.5	1,707.7	**1,698.1**	1.0	*-0.6*	4.3
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,573.1	1,571.7	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	1,611.0	**1,588.8**	2.0	*-1.4*	0.8
Wholesale And Retail Trade	376.8	375.2	373.6	374.3	376.1	389.5	**381.2**	2.3	*-2.2*	1.7
Government	311.9	311.9	319.3	321.7	324.3	326.0	**322.5**	1.7	*-1.1*	0.7
Services	310.0	309.1	312.2	312.7	311.9	313.3	**311.1**	1.8	*-0.8*	2.0
Manufacturing	181.9	183.3	183.0	182.4	183.1	184.1	**180.3**	2.9	*-2.1*	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	116.3	117.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	118.2	**118.1**	1.3	*-0.1*	-1.4
Construction	113.9	113.3	113.0	110.8	107.1	114.1	**111.0**	-0.9	*-2.8*	-2.2
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.1	83.8	83.5	83.4	83.6	83.4	**83.2**	0.8	*-0.3*	0.9
Mining	78.2	77.9	78.3	78.2	79.2	82.4	**81.4**	0.8	*-1.3*	-1.6
Total Unemployed (000)	183.8	185.3	187.9	198.8	202.0	185.7	**213.8**	3.6	*15.1*	-15.8
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2	9.8	**11.2**	2.7	*14.2*	-17.3
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	224.5	227.0	190.0	217.4	225.2	223.7	**304.3**	6.7	*36.0*	-28.1
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	32.8	33.0	28.0	32.2	33.7	33.4	**45.0**	5.1	*34.7*	-31.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.4	41.1	42.0	41.1	42.2	41.8	**40.7**	-2.0	*-2.7*	3.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	419.80	415.52	416.34	407.71	436.66	433.88	**419.21**	-0.8	*-3.4*	6.8
New Claims (000)	30.4	26.6	30.5	32.6	29.0	39.5	**43.9**	-21.7	*11.1*	-23.2
Exhaustions (000)	6.5	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	**7.4**	-13.0	*23.3*	-34.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	204,018	208,476	174,248	199,643	206,233	205,314	**279,915**	na	*36.3*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 29,871,910	29,795,562	25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	30,090,371	**40,705,566**	na	*35.2*	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,175	1,252	1,042	1,211	1,707	1,007	**1,258**	na	*24.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 144,442	159,610	132,502	154,751	241,901	130,483	**165,720**	na	*27.0*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,427	1,574	1,502	1,825	1,725	1,527	**1,851**	na	*21.2*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 211,516	235,857	226,616	273,183	257,221	228,353	**274,147**	na	*20.0*	na
Revenue Collections	**$ Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,636,470	1,412,502	1,672,157	1,412,287	1,724,205	2,388,827	**2,577,623**	-4.8	*7.9*	0.1
Beer Tax, State	3,197,390	3,003,792	3,678,447	3,396,198	2,100,450	2,608,772	**2,463,256**	-7.8	*-5.6*	0.2
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	na	1,399,822	1,653,719	1,968,648	990,157	2,465,348	**1,808,681**	na	*-26.7*	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	2,065,272	2,885,525	4,466,331	3,967,236	10,068,267	13,270,657	**4,246,084**	68.0	*-68.1*	11.2
Gift	37,329	70,976	11,240	44,958	22,626	31,172	**106,428**	16.3	*241.4*	16.2
Hazardous Waste	na	na	na	642,537	7,621	838,094	**1,598,493**	na	*90.7*	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax	6,582,805	4,583,268	46,287,499	12,909,996	11,716,800	33,605,229	**3,011,987**	-76.8	*-91.1*	-17.5
Individual Income Tax	40,965,880	34,935,593	28,504,874	52,313,378	36,500,746	44,349,367	**61,766,780**	76.1	*39.2*	112.4
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,329,449	2,669,528	2,356,664	3,001,827	2,692,272	3,544,477	**2,380,725**	-15.0	*-32.9*	4.4
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax	70,429,218	65,272,563	64,457,931	32,278,410	54,845,470	61,975,973	**63,483,832**	-9.3	*2.4*	-1.0
Reforestation Severance	6,021	9,295	8,756	19,909	-4,926	266	**39,091**	270.6		60.7
Occupation License	24,151	19,872	61,457	26,598	21,213	31,463	**19,858**	-64.4	*-36.9*	-40.6
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax	16,484,231	23,968,746	28,261,871	24,220,111	28,440,849	25,852,485	**26,875,556**	91.6	*3.9*	48.9
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	74,731	71,904	78,725	67,950	87,354	65,486	**52,113**	-16.7	*-20.5*	14.6
Special Fuels	3,385,151	4,094,239	4,119,034	5,209,368	4,782,953	4,446,032	**5,087,449**	89.9	*14.4*	57.8
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee	17,495	24,099	17,976	28,723	17,061	347,995	**673,778**	126.3	*93.6*	19.7
Natural Gas Franchise	796,404	2,347,274	3,421	320,554	1,326,693	865,670	**618,386**		*-28.6*	-1.7
Transportation & Communication	910,342	5,120,822	42,715	698,250	7,502,276	35,401	**1,723,347**	-72.1		-29.6
Louisiana General Sales tax	73,036,841	85,944,440	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	**110,736,120**	44.0	*27.6*	27.9
Soft Drink	1,094,428	1,170,833	842,057	1,078,669	907,767	781,860	**945,389**	14.5	*20.9*	7.2
Soft Drink Permit	-29,175	15	30	15	5,101	4,541	**560**	2.7	*-87.7*	464.7
Tobacco	7,083,557	8,455,810	6,851,856	7,543,135	7,411,934	6,490,753	**8,533,793**	56.3	*31.4*	29.1
Tobacco Permit	15	10	10	35	10	255	**300**	-3.3	*17.6*	-13.5
Unclaimed Property	10,948	44,516	47,398	765,471	127,586	184,579	**18,918**	-92.0	*-89.8*	34.0
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities	495,743	491,580	565,061	390,671	454,328	471,594	**425,697**	8.3	*-9.8*	-0.6
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	**891,676**	-0.6	*-34.2*	35.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	**360,736**	-5.1	*-39.1*	43.4
Motor Vehicle Tax	8,844,555	14,219,460	11,331,633	12,404,694	10,268,023	10,017,261	**12,880,315**	40.7	*28.5*	31.3
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	na	na	44,087,978	51,457,576	42,806,262	43,779,111	**44,562,673**	na	*1.7*	na
Total	241,044,498	264,253,418	338,184,979	304,206,108	317,834,658	347,172,686	**357,889,644**	45.3	*3.0*	-17.6

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Construction	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		957,335	970,670	969,903	951,155	991,307		na		na
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	174.8	159.3	137.1	186.9	110.5	86.5	**125.4**	-13.4	***44.9***	-2.6
Non-Residential	293.4	129.7	119.6	187.8	127.6	116.7	**110.7**	-12.9	***-5.2***	23.7
Non-Building	74.3	55.0	45.6	85.2	182.3	203.2	**73.6**	4.3	***-63.8***	-46.7
Number Of Construction Contracts	3,484	2,992	2,364	3,025	2,063	1,733	**2,254**	-34.2	***30.0***	-13.9
FHLB Construction ($ Mil)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	$ 6.3	3.1	9.4	11.6	4.5	2.5	**5.9**	-43.3	***136.0***	30.7
1-to-4 Unit	$ 26.4	23.1	15.7	14.5	17.5	19.9	**13.2**	-2.3	***-33.7***	114.8
5 or More	$ 13.1	10.1	10.3	8.7	2.7	14.6	**2.0**	-81.5	***-86.4***	78.8
Non-Residential	$ 27.9	17.2	17.6	8.5	8.4	10.2	**18.3**	-58.1	***79.4***	57.8
Purchases										
Single (New)	$ 35.5	27.1	29.3	19.9	22.9	19.0	**16.6**	-29.7	***-12.7***	130.3
Family (Other)	$ 60.1	58.9	56.1	37.9	41.5	35.2	**29.0**	-25.1	***-17.7***	99.9
2-to-4 Unit	$ 12.5	11.1	14.8	7.4	7.9	6.2	**9.9**	26.9	***59.6***	122.5
5 or More	$ 5.5	7.9	3.9	3.2	8.5	4.9	**10.0**	-35.5	***104.0***	79.3
Non-Residential	$ 25.1	27.4	25.7	33.6	28.1	20.5	**22.8**	29.5	***11.2***	98.9
Other										
Land Loans	$ 8.5	19.5	11.3	16.2	22.3	17.1	**26.6**	37.1	***55.5***	144.0
Refinancing	$ 34.7	37.0	47.5	34.4	31.7	27.1	**34.8**	-32.9	***28.4***	63.4
All Other	$ 26.0	24.4	25.6	16.1	34.1	24.5	**14.1**	-1.4	***-42.5***	246.5
Total Loans Closed	$ 281.6	244.1	267.1	211.4	230.1	201.6	**203.5**	-23.8	***0.9***	11.3
Loans in Process	$ 439.1	243.8	412.6	397.7	368.8	367.8	**337.4**	-13.7	***-8.3***	124.1
General Business Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Corporation Filings										
Domestic Charters	967	1,108	813	735	646	654	**1,139**	29.4	***74.1***	-6.0
Amendments To Domestic Charters	79	85	57	81	53	97	**147**	98.6	***51.5***	na
Notices of Dissolution	220	130	57	48	35	76	**76**	20.6	***0.0***	na
Dissolutions	138	221	152	158	82	157	**231**	524.3	***47.1***	221.6
Mergers or Consolidations	25	59	51	48	4	188	**123**	296.7	***-34.6***	260.4
Foreign Qualifications	152	105	149	153	105	123	**94**	-25.4	***-23.6***	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters	16	26	13	10	14	10	**18**	12.5	***80.0***	363.8
Withdrawals	32	28	12	47	38	19	**40**	344.4	***110.5***	301.2
Telephone Lines (000)	1,726.6	1,733.5	1,740.0	1,742.4	1,738.6	1,736.6	**1,730.4**	1.4	***-0.4***	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)	469.6	na	550.5	522.2	782.9	571.3	**571.4**	1.9	***0.0***	na
Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Gasoline	150,050	182,083	160,193	182,696	166,924	177,255	**165,439**	-7.4	***-6.7***	-2.0
Gasohol	294	2,815	3,168	3,237	6,693	8,212	**6,492**	na	***-21.0***	na
Highway Diesel	25,155	23,995	31,984	29,563	27,390	31,374	**27,625**	2.9	***-12.0***	7.1
Highway LPG	403	1,712	633	334	449	379	**436**	-37.3	***15.1***	-10.1
Total Fuel Consumption	175,904	210,606	195,980	215,831	201,458	217,221	**199,994**	-3.0	***-8.0***	0.5
Crude Petroleum Production	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
North Louisiana (000 Bbl)	2,730	2,852	2,852	2,730	2,790	2,700	**na**	na	***na***	na
South Louisiana	38,970	40,300	na	38,970	40,548	39,780	**na**	na	***na***	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)										
CITGO Petroleum	255,723	222,606	238,847	225,172	225,172	202,917	**201,536**	-17.8	***-0.7***	3.0
CONOCO Inc.	123,552	95,198	116,223	116,223	132,584	116,733	**103,115**	-1.0	***-11.7***	31.9
EXXON Company	450,470	403,688	452,945	417,405	397,894	419,938	**413,628**	18.0	***-1.6***	3.2
Gulf Oil Company	127,388	188,350	193,956	187,901	192,308	186,712	**131,518**	-28.1	***-29.6***	14.1
Marathon Oil	191,952	175,403	185,167	165,152	164,669	174,557	**166,041**	3.7	***-4.9***	na
Murphy Oil Company	49,412	49,210	51,506	51,477	51,477	65,342	**56,806**	6.3	***-13.1***	-14.2
Shell Oil Company	206,844	211,312	204,606	193,396	193,396	187,132	**191,746**	5.7	***2.4***	7.7
Tenneco Oil Company	80,343	89,363	76,322	87,080	91,198	134,071	**135,014**	81.9	***0.7***	10.8
Texaco Inc.	0	45,268	140,143	167,123	180,338	159,586	**136,959**	36.0	***-14.2***	0.6
Others	154,562	106,032	113,292	190,877	100,934	107,652	**90,189**	-13.5	***-16.3***	-0.2
Total	1,640,246	1,375,118	1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	1,754,640	**1,626,552**	4.5	***-7.3***	4.8
LOOP, Inc. Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Alaska	1,099,056	633,893	631,002	2,023,023	2,200,682	3,731,334	**2,661,669**	14.8	***-28.7***	90.5
Mexico	6,202,683	5,078,250	5,185,166	5,025,305	4,379,807	3,059,212	**3,770,488**	-14.4	***23.2***	31.6
Norway										
United Kingdom	0	0	0	475,638	518,406	497,257	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-73.5
Iraq	0	699,851	0	589,078	391,766	0	**628,689**	0.0	***0.0***	24.0
Iran										
Saudi Arabia	1,917,635	2,913,363	6,451,037	642,566	4,481,012	1,773,905	**567,194**	-81.0	***-68.1***	9.3
United Arab Emerits	0	799,626	898,460	475,638	2,176,892	1,418,251	**1,897,566**	0.0	***33.7***	
Oman										
Tunisia										
Egypt										
Nigeria	1,800,216	1,311,239	364,452	1,364,252	2,391,339	0	**961,056**	-67.5	***0.0***	-38.9
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	970,817	**783,015**	0.0	***-19.4***	23.2
Congo	490,961	483,760	0	0	885,439	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-15.5
Ecuador										
Other	0	483,760	0	0	450,513	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-77.8
Total	11,510,551	12,403,742	13,530,117	10,595,500	17,875,856	11,450,776	**11,269,677**	-22.5	***-1.6***	4.4

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									Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Welfare Activity			**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid to Dependent Children												
Total Assistance Payments		$	12,328,480	12,383,571	12,308,031	12,573,051	12,525,277	12,740,316	**12,841,815**	12.9	*3.7*	na
Persons			219,141	220,972	218,885	224,190	222,430	226,897	**228,889**	10.2	*-2.2*	na
Food Stamp Information												
Coupon Value		$	26,754,281	26,901,366	27,438,479	29,116,013	30,142,435	30,467,021	**29,972,593**	14.5	*-1.7*	na
Recipients			607,516	611,448	615,264	617,271	627,959	633,248	**632,012**	7.1	*-0.2*	na
Medicaid Information												
Claims			212,748	190,523	186,468	214,693	189,880	179,893	**201,369**	21.2	*11.9*	na
Benefits Paid		$	64,460,007	54,556,277	51,355,794	65,260,782	60,286,659	51,383,246	**58,007,243**	30.7	*12.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital		$	13,924,407	10,318,637	10,072,535	15,630,435	11,761,267	8,989,160	**11,702,719**	61.5	*30.1*	na
ICF Mental		$	11,519,199	10,827,723	10,887,571	11,607,229	11,598,046	11,309,192	**11,313,538**	11.2	*0.0*	na
ICF I Services		$	14,245,313	15,141,269	15,101,345	15,105,031	17,249,995	15,175,271	**15,152,955**	9.1	*-0.2*	na
Physicians		$	7,449,867	5,369,960	4,994,820	7,090,528	6,013,265	4,809,169	**4,204,809**	57.3	*-12.6*	na
Drugs		$	6,583,232	5,282,139	5,008,770	6,831,479	5,676,268	3,986,580	**6,826,556**	56.8	*71.2*	na
Support Enforcement Services			**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received			na	4,578	6,374	4,759	5,187	4,594	**3,939**	na	*-14.3*	na
Number of Cases that Paid			na	18,767	18,756	18,184	19,844	18,699	**17,578**	na	*-6.0*	na
Amount Collected		$	na	2,417,792	2,318,016	2,134,906	2,487,708	2,247,737	**2,081,345**	na	*-7.5*	na
Average Amount per Case		$	na	128.83	123.59	117.41	125.36	120.21	**118.41**	na	*-1.5*	na
Beer Sales Information			**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold			4,995,440	4,536,909	4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	4,184,607	**3,668,933**	-4.4	*-12.4*	-2.7
Tax Revenue		$	549,500	499,116	459,923	540,061	403,534	460,307	**403,312**	-4.5	*-12.4*	-2.5
State Employee's Retirement			**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed												
Regular		$	9,484,746	9,527,882	10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	13,643,005	**11,650,452**	30.6	*-14.7*	20.5
Disability		$	730,517	722,749	763,852	780,009	772,344	774,479	**790,964**	17.6	*2.1*	14.2
Survivors		$	1,292,893	1,302,484	1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	1,421,484	**1,434,881**	14.6	*0.9*	11.3
Total Benefits Disbursed		$	11,508,156	11,553,115	12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	15,838,968	**13,876,297**	27.9	*-12.4*	19.1
Average Check Amount												
Regular		$	687.45	689.43	731.66	748.04	822.43	889.90	**758.99**	14.6	*-14.8*	12.3
Disability		$	495.77	468.41	486.84	500.33	497.00	496.14	**502.20**	10.6	*1.2*	7.7
Survivors		$	467.93	470.55	496.44	503.53	503.74	503.00	**507.20**	8.7	*0.8*	5.6
New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	1,104	1,029	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	948	1,013	929	872	**1,083**	-1.4	*24.1*	1.1
Cadillac	431	335	448	494	437	374	457	331	379	350	305	**407**	-16.8	*33.4*	-5.7
Chevrolet	1,713	2,031	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,743	1,848	1,381	1,314	**1,941**	0.0	*47.7*	8.9
Chrysler	282	314	283	382	415	357	426	363	444	523	347	**482**	86.1	*38.9*	43.9
Datsun	693	559	581	622	835	867	967	553	342	147	106	**87**	-88.9	*-18.0*	-29.6
Dodge	385	316	310	422	610	315	372	345	454	509	327	**531**	59.9	*62.3*	19.7
Ford	1,890	1,868	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,413	**1,979**	10.3	*40.0*	13.9
Honda	427	367	534	494	478	432	698	314	537	419	378	**759**	81.5	*100.7*	55.1
Lincoln	221	315	304	279	321	312	315	305	397	397	275	**393**	95.5	*42.9*	31.8
Mazda	198	181	180	223	223	199	207	226	214	190	129	**185**	17.8	*43.4*	-11.8
Mercury	732	705	646	834	834	693	802	715	758	648	660	**732**	24.2	*10.9*	20.6
Oldsmobile	1,984	2,094	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,327	1,285	1,236	1,156	**1,669**	-7.9	*44.3*	-7.6
Plymouth	215	245	206	257	329	200	209	197	273	307	232	**372**	38.8	*60.3*	32.2
Pontiac	944	1,103	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	836	1,114	838	743	**1,008**	-7.7	*35.6*	-10.4
Renault	115	167	81	97	140	129	257	90	108	83	74	**48**	-47.9	*-35.2*	18.9
Toyota	803	544	523	550	819	840	1,068	744	801	714	660	**928**	11.1	*40.6*	-4.2
Volkswagen	138	138	112	129	102	107	93	108	88	60	78	**113**	0.8	*44.8*	30.6
Volvo	123	176	149	142	169	131	121	75	81	74	113	**128**	20.7	*13.2*	4.2
Other	490	426	489	641	593	445	445	481	574	922	979	**1,361**	144.7	*39.0*	36.5
Total Car Sales	12,888	12,913	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,161	**14,206**	9.8	*39.8*	5.4
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	1,703	1,882	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,360	**1,903**	3.9	*39.9*	6.4
Datsun	457	348	247	322	399	299	225	178	256	46	27	**21**	-90.0	*-22.3*	17.6
Dodge	641	739	803	778	965	750	703	576	750	651	626	**873**	49.2	*39.4*	49.9
Ford	2,087	2,269	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,855	2,261	1,969	1,669	**2,221**	3.0	*33.0*	10.5
GMC	494	484	507	697	661	499	590	437	641	508	395	**545**	7.0	*37.9*	10.9
Mazda	209	161	119	187	197	144	186	178	198	108	114	**182**	13.7	*59.6*	31.1
Toyota	672	485	498	634	850	576	781	793	678	481	479	**821**	25.9	*71.3*	57.8
Other	359	467	457	554	583	439	509	445	518	618	696	**1,048**	165.9	*50.5*	85.4
Total Truck Sales	6,622	6,835	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,366	**7,614**	17.2	*41.8*	20.7

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								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	542.6	545.3	542.2	544.6	543.3	561.4	**567.7**	0.8	*1.1*	1.8
Total Employed (000)	495.5	496.9	492.1	491.4	488.8	506.6	**506.3**	-0.6	*-0.1*	3.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings $	391.53	381.48	378.73	367.88	373.20	419.02	**422.69**	-2.2	*0.8*	10.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	42.1	40.8	40.9	39.6	40.0	40.8	**40.8**	-1.3	*0.0*	6.1
Total Unemployed (000)	47.1	48.4	50.1	53.2	54.5	54.8	**61.4**	14.7	*12.0*	-10.1
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	9.8	**10.8**	13.6	*19.2*	-12.1
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	58,584	62,413	53,291	60,253	60,972	62,047	**80,436**	na	*29.6*	na
Benefits Paid $	8,892,700	9,365,447	8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	9,440,908	**12,130,755**	na	*28.4*	na
Construction	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	308,190	277,677	270,846	270,846	264,845	273,454	**295,420**	na	*8.0*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	64.0	38.3	35.3	57.5	30.6	22.0	**53.3**	20.0	*142.2*	10.8
Non-Residential	37.0	36.9	52.3	63.3	41.1	33.4	**41.0**	-30.4	*22.7*	10.9
Number Of Construction Contracts	1,298	768	601	598	661	391	**884**	1.6	*126.0*	-6.7
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction										
Condominium $	0.1	2.1	3.1	0.3	0.5	2.0	**1.3**	-72.4	*-35.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit $	7.3	11.4	6.1	5.3	7.2	4.6	**6.6**	15.7	*43.4*	na
5 or More $	2.7	9.4	5.5	8.4	1.5	8.3	**0.5**	-91.4	*-94.0*	na
Non-Residential $	10.9	10.0	8.1	6.8	3.7	2.7	**6.5**	-61.1	*140.7*	na
Purchases										
Single (New) $	13.1	13.7	15.6	11.2	11.7	8.8	**7.4**	-53.2	*-16.0*	na
Family (Other) $	40.4	34.7	34.9	24.6	26.8	20.9	**16.1**	-28.5	*-23.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit $	11.2	9.9	11.5	6.9	7.3	4.9	**5.8**	-14.8	*18.3*	na
5 or More $	2.8	3.6	2.3	2.8	4.5	1.0	**2.1**	-63.8	*110.0*	na
Non-Residential $	14.8	16.0	19.5	15.8	24.3	16.3	**19.0**	37.6	*16.5*	na
Other										
Land Loans $	6.5	12.3	5.7	5.7	6.3	9.8	**11.6**	87.0	*18.3*	na
Refinancing $	21.2	22.8	27.4	23.3	16.1	12.2	**23.6**	-34.3	*93.4*	na
All Other $	13.2	11.7	7.0	8.0	20.5	11.0	**7.6**	-2.6	*-31.0*	na
Total Loans Closed $	144.2	135.2	146.6	118.8	130.4	102.7	**108.2**	-26.8	*5.3*	3.2
Loans in Process $	227.5	223.8	223.7	216.6	192.6	192.9	**171.5**	-34.3	*-11.1*	na
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Breakbulk Cargo	362.3	222.8	227.2	321.6	147.2	234.7	**252.6**	23.5	*7.6*	36.4
Imports	304.9	198.7	198.5	249.5	145.1	206.4	**243.4**	41.0	*17.9*	62.4
Exports	57.4	24.1	28.7	72.1	2.1	28.3	**9.2**	-71.1	*-67.5*	-29.9
Container Cargo	214.3	135.4	179.9	131.3	203.3	168.6	**113.8**	-43.4	*-32.6*	4.4
Imports	94.0	60.8	82.6	63.1	86.6	75.4	**50.4**	-42.4	*-33.2*	9.3
Exports	120.3	74.6	97.3	68.2	116.7	93.2	**63.4**	-44.1	*-32.0*	0.7
Ro-Ro Cargo	58.4	75.6	61.2	85.9	74.3	52.4	**86.2**	32.6	*64.5*	17.8
Imports	19.7	21.6	21.6	31.0	25.4	18.1	**28.0**	37.2	*54.6*	29.7
Exports	38.7	54.0	39.6	54.9	48.9	34.3	**58.2**	30.4	*69.6*	12.4
Lash & Seabee Cargo	24.6	16.8	10.8	17.2	1.6	22.1	**3.9**	-91.6	*-82.4*	-39.6
Imports	18.3	14.8	9.8	14.5	1.6	10.9	**2.6**	-87.4	*-76.2*	-26.0
Exports	6.3	2.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	11.2	**1.3**	-95.0	*-88.4*	-59.0
Bulk Terminal Cargo	106.3	201.0	108.2	155.5	64.7	70.1	**120.7**	-15.9	*72.1*	8.2
Imports	88.3	200.6	94.3	151.8	62.9	61.1	**97.2**	-3.1	*59.0*	29.7
Exports	18.0	0.4	13.9	3.7	1.8	9.0	**23.5**	-45.5	*161.1*	-54.5
Total	765.9	651.6	587.3	711.5	491.1	547.9	**577.2**	-12.6	*5.3*	14.4
Grain Exports	892.2	947.9	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	1,317.0	**1,189.1**	28.2	*-9.8*	36.7
Vessel Arrivals	347	339	308	330	347	387	**336**	5.0	*-13.2*	4.8
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)	30.4	32.3	27.8	33.4	38.0	42.8	**39.4**	20.4	*-8.0*	33.1
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)	420.1	240.6	235.6	329.7	0.0	296.0	**226.0**	-17.2	*-23.7*	-6.9
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	17	18	15	18	19	19	**19**	35.7	*0.0*	33.3
Import Cars Loaded	335	316	198	256	218	226	**286**	9.5	*26.5*	17.1
Airport Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Cargo (Tons)	182	174	160	191	177	167	**175**	3.5	*4.7*	7.3
Flight Arrivals	6,093	6,253	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	**5,074**	4.1	*0.7*	13.6
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned	313.2	333.0	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	**218.4**	2.1	*-7.0*	12.9
Deplaned	312.9	340.4	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	**225.4**	2.0	*0.9*	13.6
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned	586.8	615.5	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	**618.1**	8.5	*-27.5*	15.6
Deplaned	556.1	626.7	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	**669.5**	8.7	*-23.1*	2.8
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned	1,171.4	1,009.9	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	**1,185.7**	32.1	*6.6*	11.8
Deplaned	1,463.1	1,458.6	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	**1,493.9**	0.6	*17.5*	4.7
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned	11.4	12.6	3.8	15.6	15.9	8.2	**5.3**	-56.6	*-35.4*	-13.7
Deplaned	18.9	31.8	3.8	35.2	27.4	24.3	**20.2**	-27.6	*-16.9*	-9.4

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								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Gas Activity Report • MCF	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake	4,621,221	4,620,327	4,666,481	5,608,965	5,628,358	5,244,040	**5,479,944**	21.8	*4.4*	4.8
Pipeline & Other Intake	19,816,340	19,003,030	18,423,493	18,198,231	19,557,273	18,534,416	**19,910,295**	8.7	*7.4*	16.9
Sales to Pipelines	20,495,106	19,559,176	18,985,553	19,489,925	20,773,563	19,700,922	**21,022,822**	10.2	*6.7*	16.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	459,636	469,523	480,130	447,318	458,390	459,001	**478,080**	-1.7	*4.1*	2.4
Return to Field	648,285	584,540	609,076	680,503	754,200	527,438	**706,890**	20.5	*34.0*	3.5
Returned for Gas Lift	1,131,430	1,214,885	1,209,508	1,150,400	1,180,098	1,123,056	**1,187,097**	5.6	*5.7*	-7.4
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Vented	2,883	4,540	2,157	1,160	7,415	1,870	**2,024**	-2.0	*8.2*	-63.2
Plant Fuel	690,820	744,574	739,887	807,716	850,168	764,564	**807,728**	22.0	*5.6*	-1.3
Shrinkage and Other	1,009,401	1,046,119	1,063,663	1,230,174	1,161,797	1,201,605	**1,185,598**	34.4	*-1.4*	11.5
Beer Sales Indicators	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	1,578,421	1,506,298	1,392,085	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	**1,122,576**	-8.6	*-18.7*	-3.0
Tax Revenue	$ 173,626	165,693	153,130	172,359	127,065	151,823	**123,483**	-8.6	*-18.7*	-3.0
Welfare Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$ 4,418,757	4,434,568	4,402,653	4,513,646	4,467,598	4,550,865	**4,591,579**	8.1	*0.8*	na
Persons	74,648	75,253	74,469	76,583	75,631	77,373	**77,727**	8.5	*0.4*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$ 7,236,717	7,404,828	7,512,977	8,108,272	8,348,712	8,439,727	**8,404,815**	18.5	*-0.5*	na
Recipients	152,461	155,563	156,900	159,629	162,356	164,017	**164,266**	10.7	*0.1*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	52,229	45,633	43,949	53,208	46,409	44,941	**48,070**	18.7	*6.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 14,353,710	10,691,741	8,170,052	15,010,797	14,014,048	10,456,721	**10,765,264**	33.9	*2.9*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 4,968,912	3,862,798	3,422,083	5,541,793	4,766,054	3,315,283	**3,618,720**	38.7	*9.1*	na
ICF Mental	$ 1,219,159	573,115	600,609	822,889	736,006	593,105	**532,186**	25.4	*-10.3*	na
ICF I Services	$ 1,590,236	1,659,879	1,643,451	1,680,589	1,734,438	1,732,649	**1,793,224**	20.6	*3.4*	na
Physicians	$ 2,552,216	1,945,587	1,833,266	2,521,302	2,154,058	1,804,206	**1,499,413**	43.9	*-16.9*	na
Drugs	$ 1,001,468	824,878	755,621	1,041,139	895,743	650,868	**1,026,419**	61.3	*57.7*	na
Unemployment Services	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received	na	1,071	1,401	1,171	1,095	891	**620**	na	*-30.5*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	1,976	2,386	2,153	2,506	2,237	**2,198**	na	*-1.8*	na
Amount Collected	$ na	195,765	287,251	199,248	279,592	234,097	**227,478**	na	*-2.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	99.07	120.39	92.54	111.57	104.65	**103.49**	na	*-1.2*	na
General Business Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	42,534	43,278	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	**29,460**	-31.4	*112.9*	-1.6
Telephone Lines (000)	787.4	790.0	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	**792.5**	1.9	*0.2*	na
Revenue Collections	**$ Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	19,193,541	22,764,066	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	21,913,157	**27,401,996**	37.4	*25.0*	23.6
Severance Tax	6,804,965	4,533,869	5,236,856	3,327,018	4,487,722	5,446,799	**5,234,888**	1.0	*-3.9*	29.1
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	**891,676**	-0.6	*-34.2*	35.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	**360,736**	-5.1	*-39.1*	43.4

New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	360	275	385	401	498	354	475	295	317	301	254	**320**	-11.7	*25.9*	8.2
Cadillac	127	107	138	169	148	113	147	93	138	126	108	**113**	-13.1	*4.6*	-3.1
Chevrolet	433	519	429	499	547	453	479	392	426	352	355	**479**	7.8	*34.9*	1.3
Chrylser	54	55	52	91	79	55	102	88	106	91	71	**117**	120.7	*64.7*	34.7
Datsun	265	222	234	254	292	340	387	227	147	68	32	**30**	-89.4	*-6.3*	-24.1
Dodge	127	127	131	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	**175**	15.8	*73.2*	2.9
Ford	629	551	608	597	675	558	663	463	616	591	463	**532**	17.1	*14.9*	12.5
Honda	121	111	179	160	144	142	228	86	124	130	95	**213**	71.7	*124.2*	32.4
Lincoln	48	68	87	71	81	91	120	83	102	148	69	**110**	66.6	*59.4*	17.0
Mazda	76	60	59	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	**64**	3.2	*42.2*	-2.0
Mercury	204	168	168	220	234	208	237	200	199	163	160	**210**	44.8	*31.2*	20.9
Oldsmobile	492	507	479	589	599	472	484	363	371	370	336	**450**	-2.0	*33.9*	-6.4
Plymouth	46	62	41	59	75	52	64	64	65	70	63	**108**	30.1	*71.4*	23.6
Pontiac	221	307	262	345	281	290	305	252	293	230	220	**272**	-4.3	*23.6*	52.5
Renault	29	35	32	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	**22**	-40.6	*15.7*	-29.8
Toyota	275	193	162	180	301	301	322	220	230	230	232	**260**	-5.8	*12.0*	-10.7
Volkswagen	31	31	22	44	35	55	45	50	55	25	42	**49**	-2.0	*16.6*	15.2
Volvo	41	59	40	43	66	51	35	17	25	18	39	**40**	29.0	*2.5*	-0.9
Other	162	190	183	255	244	166	157	191	209	357	399	**503**	91.9	*26.0*	27.8
Total Car Sales	3,741	3,647	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,338	3,661	3,513	3,103	**4,067**	8.3	*31.0*	6.2

Economic Indicators: New Orleans Area

Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	344	358	410	416	466	374	359	285	331	326	235	**326**	-1.6	***38.7***	10.8
Datsun	108	89	61	96	91	84	51	47	54	18	5	**4**	-92.6	***-20.0***	23.1
Dodge	154	146	147	182	204	158	147	123	127	177	144	**170**	34.9	***18.0***	27.3
Ford	465	533	565	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	399	**468**	-0.7	***17.2***	0.9
GMC	47	43	45	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	**62**	44.1	***55.0***	16.2
Mazda	32	32	19	35	28	22	26	32	29	16	20	**29**	0.0	***45.0***	11.4
Toyota	216	131	142	183	231	178	187	180	189	130	125	**173**	10.8	***38.4***	71.6
Other	88	107	159	146	160	118	165	105	127	174	189	**279**	173.5	***47.6***	105.3
Total Truck Sales	1,454	1,439	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,292	1,404	1,400	1,157	**1,511**	15.1	***30.5***	19.6

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Louisiana

The Louisiana economy experienced a downturn in January, partly due to cutbacks following the holiday season. The seasonally adjusted total employment in the state declined more than one-half of one percent in January and the unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, increased to 10.6 percent from a revised 10.2 percent in December 1984. Total non-agricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 22,000 or 1.4 percent. The decline in Louisiana's employment was spread across all major sectors of the economy. Wholesale and retail trade employment decreased by 8,300 workers due primarily to layoffs after the holiday season. Government employment decreased by 3,500 workers due to cutbacks in state education payrolls. Manufacturing employment decreased by 3,800 workers due to a seasonal decline in nondurable goods production. Employment in mining, construction, and services also decreased in January.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) increased a very modest two-tenths of one percent in January, following a revised three-tenths of one percent drop in December. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the index component predicting manufacturing activities. The components predicting mining and construction were depressed. The small increase in the LEI suggests that the Louisiana economy will grow at a rate below the national average during the next few months. General sales tax collections reported in January were 27.6 percent higher (reflecting Christmas sales) than in December 1984 and 44 percent higher than in January 1984. The value of construction contracts was 23.8 percent less than in December and 9.5 percent less than in January 1984. New car and truck sales in January were 40.5 percent higher than in December and 12.3 percent higher than in January 1984. Crude runs to still in December 1984 was 7.3 percent less than in the previous month and 4.5 percent higher than in December 1983. Comparing the

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Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Jan. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Jan. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Dec. 1984*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 1/84-1/85
Louisiana	11.2%	10.6%	9.8%	10.2%	10.9%	10.4%	5**	1.1%
Alexandria	9.2%	na	8.3%	na	8.8%	na	21	1.3%
Baton Rouge	9.2%	9.0%	8.6%	8.9%	8.7%	8.5%	41	4.9%
Houma/Thibodaux	11.0%	na	9.4%	na	12.0%	na	26	4.2%
Lafayette	8.4%	na	7.3%	na	9.1%	7.3%	118	-0.3%
Lake Charles	15.8%	14.7%	14.1%	14.6%	15.6%	14.6%	7	-1.7%
Monroe	10.3%	9.5%	9.9%	9.9%	10.2%	9.3%	31	-3.1%
New Orleans	10.8%	na	9.8%	na	9.5%	9.5%	28	-0.6%
Shreveport	8.5%	na	7.4%	na	9.4%	9.4%	61	4.3%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemploymentrate.The metropolitan areawith the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the areawith the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.Ranking is on revised December 1984 data.
**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		250.1	251.3	253.6	254.4	254.0	249.3	**252.1**	5.3	*1.1*	3.5
Total Employed (000)		229.3	230.1	232.2	231.4	230.7	227.8	**229.0**	4.8	*0.5*	5.0
Total Unemployed (000)		20.8	21.2	21.4	23.0	23.3	21.5	**23.1**	11.0	*7.4*	-10.9
Unemployment Rate		8.3	8.4	9.0	8.8	9.2	8.6	**9.2**	5.7	*6.9*	-14.0
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	521.26	490.56	504.61	488.82	502.80	502.07	**545.49**	9.5	*8.6*	4.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.5	42.0	42.8	40.6	41.9	41.7	**43.5**	2.3	*4.3*	1.4
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		24,878	26,197	22,322	25,539	26,620	25,247	**30,676**	na	*21.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	3,869,476	4,116,338	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	4,101,455	**4,960,184**	na	*28.9*	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		32,950	33,090	30,211	30,211	30,546	38,751	**40,306**	na	*4.0*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		34.3	27.2	20.1	39.4	17.0	16.9	**28.2**	-27.7	*66.8*	-9.1
Non-Residential		17.9	14.0	12.4	56.7	32.1	32.8	**26.5**	48.0	*-19.3*	26.9
Number Of Construction Contracts		719	398	328	1,626	845	264	**651**	-47.1	*146.5*	-12.1
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	9.7	3.5	2.7	4.7	5.6	1.7	**1.5**	na	*-11.8*	na
5 or More	$	0.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.7**	na	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.2	0.8	0.4	1.0	3.5	0.9	**1.3**	na	*44.4*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	3.1	2.5	3.9	3.5	4.0	2.8	**3.1**	na	*10.7*	na
Family (Other)	$	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	3.2	2.3	**2.4**	na	*4.3*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	**0.4**	na	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	2.0	4.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	**2.2**	na	*15.7*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.4	6.0	3.3	1.1	0.1	0.0	**0.2**	na	*0.0*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	**2.5**	na	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	$	1.9	3.7	1.9	1.3	1.1	3.3	**2.9**	na	*-12.2*	na
All Other	$	5.8	2.6	6.9	2.0	2.2	3.6	**0.8**	na	*-77.8*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	29.1	27.7	27.6	16.9	20.8	16.6	**17.9**	5.2	*7.8*	25.0
Loans In Process	$	45.9	45.1	44.0	41.4	38.8	37.4	**34.3**	na	*-8.3*	na
Baton Rouge Port Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility											
Cargo Docks		31,942	35,931	33,692	17,313	22,795	35,221	**29,372**	65.1	*-16.7*	-26.5
Barge Terminal		30,290	25,583	6,452	14,338	8,585	10,293	**14,319**	73.9	*39.1*	23.3
Molasses Terminal		18,881	36,724	21,375	0	43,785	0	**7,722**	18.0	*0.0*	17.4
Petroleum Terminal		82,567	50,065	17,266	70,393	66,444	10,730	**35,758**	-65.4	*233.2*	-60.5
MS Mooring Facility		141,538	99,201	120,906	123,006	116,303	81,123	**60,476**	1,614.1	*-25.5*	-19.7
MISC. Mid - Stream		na	na	na	na	na	na	**0**			na
Cargill Elevator		na	na	na	na	na	na	**336,950**			na
Total		303,005	247,504	199,691	225,050	257,912	137,367	**484,597**	48.7	*252.7*	-35.6
General Business Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)											
Inbound		96.0	98.0	101.0	98.0	85.0	38.5	**86.5**	-2.5	*124.6*	1.6
Outbound		40.0	34.0	33.0	38.0	38.0	43.3	**79.8**	118.0	*84.2*	21.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		28.0	29.0	25.0	28.0	27.0	24.8	**24.3**	3.4	*-2.1*	7.8
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1,530.5	1,838.8	1,402.1	1,373.9	1,316.9	1,210.0	**1,173.2**	-5.5	*-3.1*	13.7
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		117.6	117.3	110.5	106.6	100.2	92.2	**97.4**	-2.6	*5.6*	5.8
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		69,944	63,384	120,906	123,006	60,906	57,710	**60,478**	0.0	*4.7*	-14.8
Telephone Lines (000)		241.9	244.0	245.6	246.5	246.0	245.0	**244.5**	2.5	*-0.3*	na
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		580,884	512,839	332,910	560,383	403,684	482,784	**418,802**	-3.0	*-13.3*	-5.5
Tax Revenue	$	63,896	56,412	36,620	61,642	44,406	53,106	**46,068**	-3.0	*-13.3*	-5.5
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,167,848	1,177,760	1,164,302	1,199,821	1,194,845	1,216,895	**1,226,449**	16.4	*0.7*	na
Persons		19,995	20,205	19,900	20,545	20,432	20,831	**21,043**	16.6	*1.0*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	2,640,599	2,672,611	2,711,465	2,915,231	2,999,408	3,046,102	**3,013,269**	22.8	*-1.1*	na
Recipients		56,200	56,918	57,264	58,159	59,248	60,061	**60,084**	14.4	*0.0*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		16,223	14,452	14,158	16,054	14,547	13,578	**15,685**	29.4	*15.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,370,773	3,654,826	4,259,413	4,696,552	4,395,372	3,720,227	**4,120,715**	41.9	*10.7*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,051,469	514,729	994,378	1,308,626	970,747	782,184	**805,863**	59.1	*3.0*	na
ICF Mental	$	150,178	234,537	219,668	264,677	406,918	463,538	**355,586**	43.5	*-23.3*	na
ICF I Services	$	1,159,721	1,264,622	1,248,020	1,202,208	3,097,128	1,262,711	**1,296,010**	16.4	*2.6*	na
Physicians	$	531,828	400,100	368,040	563,288	395,603	364,388	**295,412**	64.2	*-19.0*	na
Drugs	$	476,655	365,015	347,093	484,617	428,531	286,938	**490,938**	61.2	*71.0*	na

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Support Enforcement Services				**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**					
New Applications Received				na	345	1,513	574	597	322	**315**			na	-2.2	na
Number of Cases that Paid				na	2,490	2,355	2,246	2,459	2,313	**2,114**			na	-8.7	na
Amount Collected			$	na	355,236	296,195	277,187	311,751	281,798	**266,676**			na	-5.4	na
Average Amount per Case			$	na	142.66	125.77	123.41	126.78	121.83	**126.15**			na	3.5	na
Revenue Collections			**$**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**					
Retail Sales Tax - State				7,807,683	10,621,649	9,326,627	9,300,194	9,118,258	9,341,756	**12,463,466**			41.5	33.4	23.7
Severance Tax				3,861,465	3,823,200	3,714,178	2,753,582	3,508,975	3,732,500	**3,614,585**			49.8	-3.2	29.2
New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	117	116	104	151	150	110	198	114	97	109	101	**117**	-10.0	15.8	2.2
Cadillac	49	37	76	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	30	**48**	-41.5	60.0	-13.5
Chevrolet	214	227	213	280	292	216	296	242	234	193	201	**242**	-4.0	20.3	15.4
Chrysler	41	34	32	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	41	**61**	64.8	48.7	21.5
Datsun	133	98	92	99	173	158	211	91	50	23	26	**16**	-88.9	-38.5	-30.0
Dodge	50	22	28	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	47	**54**	145.4	14.8	54.9
Ford	184	214	215	197	348	180	259	153	185	166	114	**299**	31.1	162.2	5.0
Honda	75	61	93	78	89	62	140	74	178	76	78	**229**	205.3	193.5	113.6
Lincoln	21	35	21	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	27	**49**	308.3	81.4	31.7
Mazda	17	17	17	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	16	**16**	-5.9	0.0	-12.4
Mercury	83	67	80	63	150	96	112	75	75	78	53	**92**	61.4	73.5	68.4
Oldsmobile	203	186	190	183	252	161	187	166	114	117	94	**170**	-9.1	80.8	-11.1
Plymouth	23	34	25	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	30	**49**	250.0	63.3	35.6
Pontiac	148	144	153	141	207	98	167	102	127	100	97	**111**	-21.3	14.4	-2.3
Renault	13	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	0.0	-65.4
Toyota	273	192	163	145	279	279	401	311	293	227	209	**368**	23.4	76.0	1.3
Volkswagen	13	22	22	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	6	**18**	-14.3	200.0	-14.1
Volvo	54	69	64	49	57	39	45	38	29	27	36	**48**	0.0	33.3	4.7
Other	103	79	81	109	107	64	83	96	109	141	185	**247**	168.4	33.5	20.9
Total Car Sales	1,814	1,664	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,714	1,733	1,486	1,391	**2,234**	19.7	60.6	6.9
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	174	229	247	190	279	161	267	229	174	137	176	**203**	-4.3	15.3	17.0
Datsun	117	86	37	66	111	68	62	37	61	7	7	**7**	-80.0	0.0	91.3
Dodge	102	141	130	137	169	88	164	82	113	84	89	**99**	-4.9	11.2	12.2
Ford	230	254	300	224	388	238	303	226	233	189	180	**278**	0.3	54.4	4.2
GMC	35	26	38	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	30	**34**	-13.3	13.3	17.4
Mazda	34	20	24	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	28	**34**	6.2	21.4	34.4
Toyota	307	227	201	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	196	**364**	6.7	85.7	41.6
Other	47	37	50	71	92	45	48	57	56	74	111	**200**	222.5	80.1	47.5
Total Truck Sales	1,046	1,020	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,109	1,033	741	817	**1,219**	11.5	49.2	23.4

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area

									Per Cent Change: Latest Month / Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month / Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		98.2	97.9	97.8	99.1	98.7	108.1	**108.5**	1.1	0.3	2.1
Total Employed (000)		92.4	92.1	91.9	92.6	92.5	100.3	**99.4**	-0.4	-0.9	4.1
Total Unemployed (000)		5.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.8	**9.1**	-8.1	16.6	-20.8
Unemployment Rate		5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.3	7.3	**8.4**	-7.7	15.0	-22.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,977	5,744	4,905	5,814	5,890	5,706	**7,573**	na	32.7	na
Benefits Paid	$	866,295	831,507	720,604	842,414	867,857	837,664	**1,109,895**	na	32.4	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		15,237	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	**14,254**	na	-2.8	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		7.3	9.3	8.1	15.9	4.6	4.9	**6.8**	-51.1	38.7	-13.0
Non-Residential		3.3	3.5	5.5	11.0	5.5	16.2	**3.6**	16.1	-77.8	82.8
Number Of Construction Contracts		99	150	173	492	84	107	**171**	-34.5	59.8	-22.7
FHLB Statistics ($ Mil)		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	**0.5**	0.0	-37.5	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	**0.2**	0.0	0.0	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	**0.2**	100.0	-33.4	na
Family (Other)	$	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	**0.3**	-62.5	-75.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**3.3**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	**0.2**	-87.5	100.0	na
Refinancing	$	1.3	1.4	2.6	1.5	1.9	3.1	**1.7**	-39.3	-45.2	na
All Other	$	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	**0.4**	-76.5	-20.0	na
Total Loans Closed	$	3.6	4.7	10.4	4.5	4.6	5.9	**6.6**	-29.1	11.8	-30.7
Loans in Process	$	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6	6.1	**4.8**	-59.7	-21.4	na
General Business Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		19	14	11	15	13	14	**15**	7.1	7.1	-31.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		10.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	18.7	**20.6**	157.5	10.1	34.6
Telephone Lines (000)		184.0	184.8	185.2	185.5	185.3	18.5	**183.9**	16.8	894.0	na
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	217,228	217,718	215,524	221,163	226,421	232,282	**237,241**	17.6	2.1	na
Persons		4,038	4,041	4,006	4,121	4,206	4,307	**4,453**	19.3	3.3	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	568,890	583,520	601,126	627,744	662,735	672,845	**657,461**	23.0	-2.3	na
Recipients		12,792	13,045	13,314	13,291	13,692	13,838	**13,787**	15.9	-0.4	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		4,843	4,646	4,510	5,066	4,445	4,315	**5,034**	27.0	16.6	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,480,452	1,297,178	1,250,090	1,449,506	1,368,005	1,243,770	**1,465,935**	50.6	17.8	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	314,839	268,208	182,444	229,970	262,169	270,194	**282,463**	165.0	4.5	na
ICF Mental	$	14,464	21,446	26,889	31,055	33,813	36,110	**34,326**	598.8	-5.0	na
ICF I Services	$	526,309	538,987	555,750	560,271	570,973	548,055	**534,259**	6.0	-2.6	na
Physicians	$	170,959	156,596	109,348	163,282	113,466	95,973	**114,657**	101.2	19.4	na
Drugs	$	186,348	161,085	156,111	211,449	178,811	129,289	**208,037**	71.9	60.9	na
Support Enforcement Services		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received		na	722	435	424	450	278	**268**	na	-3.6	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	1,978	1,944	1,932	2,036	1,971	**1,882**	na	-4.6	na
Amount Collected	$	na	302,840	283,596	274,384	306,262	297,096	**267,903**	na	-9.9	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	153.10	145.88	142.02	150.42	150.73	**142.35**	na	-5.6	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake		27,571,677	27,535,916	27,924,549	26,578,464	27,217,624	26,146,289	**26,307,166**	-10.6	0.6	-9.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		19,324,818	24,708,209	20,788,240	18,597,463	21,997,369	12,457,050	**16,258,759**	-26.0	30.5	-6.1
Sales to Pipelines		39,991,566	45,040,045	42,471,333	38,706,371	42,560,228	32,765,946	**36,670.681**	-17.8	11.9	-8.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		37,996	41,750	38,694	41,422	39,346	38,396	**43,448**	-7.9	13.1	-36.8
Return to Field		1,179,048	1,048,970	797,865	802,470	800,858	924,284	**953,382**	4.6	3.1	2.3
Returned for Gas Lift		979,591	1,015,363	806,698	1,281,080	1,310,440	828,167	**819,614**	-27.6	-1.1	-12.0
Returned to Reservoir		1,303,977	1,284,921	1,263,003	1,281,080	1,310,443	1,336,384	**1,037,722**	-9.9	-22.4	-0.6
Vented		68,305	59,181	52,373	52,208	44,033	35,639	**33,040**	-24.2	-7.3	-32.0
Plant Fuel		1,540,763	1,746,099	1,578,932	1,537,160	1,430,590	1,213,980	**1,260,237**	-14.6	3.8	1.5
Shrinkage and Other		1,795,249	2,008,068	1,703,891	1,796,585	1,911,629	1,460,543	**1,747,537**	-15.3	19.6	-10.3
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		241,014	206,426	197,840	218,899	170,277	192,856	**153,257**	-18.9	-20.6	-2.9
Tax Revenue	$	26,512	22,707	21,762	24,079	18,730	21,214	**16,858**	-18.9	-20.6	-2.9
Revenue Collections	$	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	**5,421,703**	25.0	26.3	27.5
Severence Tax		467,011	444,397	474,456	406,672	397,398	427,596	**366,167**	-17.5	-14.4	26.9

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	58	56	48	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	32	55	48.6	*71.8*	12.8
Cadillac	37	19	29	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	25	43	53.5	*72.0*	11.9
Chevrolet	85	104	109	115	85	85	86	71	92	87	63	96	14.2	*52.3*	25.7
Chrysler	27	31	13	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	29	27	0.0	*-6.9*	8.7
Datsun	62	42	44	50	77	79	65	42	28	14	9	14	-78.8	*55.5*	-23.6
Dodge	18	18	24	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	18	20	33.3	*11.1*	57.6
Ford	73	101	72	132	93	88	77	71	104	76	84	125	-12.6	*48.8*	22.3
Honda	36	19	34	39	36	24	38	19	20	18	25	39	85.7	*56.0*	52.1
Lincoln	13	22	20	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	29	35	400.0	*20.6*	47.1
Mazda	25	22	18	17	34	14	26	240	21	27	14	17	6.2	*21.4*	50.3
Mercury	30	31	25	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	38	32	14.2	*-15.8*	29.8
Oldsmobile	51	59	72	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	45	45	-13.5	*0.0*	-7.6
Plymouth	25	10	4	12	13	9	6	9	8	36	17	23	76.9	*35.2*	47.0
Pontiac	42	63	69	61	65	60	66	50	60	41	53	31	-47.5	*-41.6*	41.2
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	17	11	7	2	0.0	*-71.5*	ns
Toyota	26	23	23	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	25	27	3.8	*8.0*	1.8
Volkswagen	20	1	25	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	6	15	15.3	*150.0*	45.6
Volvo	9	20	23	18	16	14	12	6	7	8	18	16	33.3	*-11.2*	18.4
Other	51	21	62	75	46	47	46	43	59	86	80	124	275.7	*55.0*	46.5
Total Car Sales	688	662	714	821	759	699	771	807	700	657	617	786	15.5	*27.3*	21.3
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	90	115	123	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	89	100	8.6	*12.3*	17.1
Datsun	42	16	27	30	24	21	16	12	33	6	1	2	-87.5	*100.0*	11.1
Dodge	50	44	61	51	60	52	45	41	60	42	43	67	45.6	*55.8*	69.6
Ford	112	83	86	105	121	96	81	92	98	76	58	98	-27.5	*68.9*	20.7
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	ns
Mazda	29	22	10	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	18	38	192.3	*111.1*	91.1
Toyota	15	19	18	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	23	30	172.7	*30.4*	121.0
Other	13	21	19	9	21	17	19	16	32	78	62	100	900.0	*61.2*	367.8
Total Truck Sales	351	320	344	396	397	360	338	297	403	329	294	435	34.6	*47.9*	43.3

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	76.3	75.5	75.2	74.9	74.4	74.1	**75.9**	-1.6	*2.4*	-3.6
Total Employed (000)	65.9	65.4	65.1	64.8	64.8	64.7	**64.0**	-1.7	*-1.1*	-2.6
Total Unemployed (000)	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.6	9.4	**12.0**	0.8	*27.6*	-9.0
Unemployment Rate	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	12.9	12.6	**15.7**	0.6	*24.6*	-5.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	13,729	11,613	9,917	10,997	10,824	10,446	**15,890**	na	*52.1*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 2,136,986	1,786,237	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	1,565,542	**2,477,721**	na	*58.2*	na
Construction	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	17,079	17,079	17,490	17,490	17,461	17,461	**17,590**	na	*0.7*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	**0.9**	-76.4	*-57.2*	-32.2
Non-Residential	3.0	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	**2.4**	-52.0	*500.0*	-11.4
Number Of Construction Contracts	44	62	42	39	34	24	**25**	-43.2	*4.1*	-37.2
Gas Activity Report • MCF	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake	4,264,425	4,358,743	4,593,141	3,678,127	4,492,260	3,726,801	**4,023,725**	21.9	*7.9*	-43.2
Pipeline & other intake	9,587,725	9,886,032	9,246,960	9,514,838	9,687,563	8,821,859	**10,257,148**	6.9	*16.2*	53.0
Sales to Pipelines	7,743,130	8,126,182	7,867,786	6,821,065	7,908,807	6,908,433	**7,675,317**	8.4	*11.1*	-0.8
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	4,811,303	4,760,628	4,829,003	5,125,123	4,922,594	4,617,098	**5,326,557**	14.8	*15.3*	3.3
Return to Field	7,125	5,707	5,906	8,848	7,796	5,172	**8,145**	-27.8	*57.4*	-43.4
Returned for Gas Lift	237,789	333,394	180,492	249,690	275,624	18,148	**184,949**	-26.7	*919.1*	-16.1
Returned to Reservoir	20,147	14,254	11,353	59,907	88,877	118,937	**119,424**		*0.4*	67.9
Vented	67,866	61,910	47,517	49,435	47,283	31,531	**45,974**	-27.9	*45.8*	53.8
Plant Fuel	317,601	302,224	285,262	287,236	290,481	241,176	**267,403**	-0.4	*10.8*	5.1
Shrinkage and Other	647,189	640,476	612,782	591,661	638,361	608,165	**653,104**	14.2	*7.3*	-4.0
Beer Sales Information	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	198,352	179,765	177,420	198,122	132,765	164,781	**145,196**	-6.9	*-11.9*	-6.8
Tax Revenue	$ 21,819	19,774	19,516	21,793	14,604	18,126	**15,972**	-6.9	*-11.9*	-6.8
General Business Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.4	**9.4**	56.6	*0.0*	70.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	**3.2**	6.6	*6.6*	21.1
Telephone Lines (000)	93.1	93.4	93.6	93.8	93.6	93.4	**93.0**	-20.9	*-0.5*	na
Lake Charles Port Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)										
Imports	102.8	100.5	88.0	206.3	79.9	101.0	**103.2**	na	*2.1*	na
Exports	224.7	243.8	226.0	302.5	330.4	188.5	**149.1**	na	*-21.0*	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)										
Imports	548.6	885.2	710.2	521.6	1,022.9	776.7	**593.1**	na	*-23.7*	na
Exports	743.5	555.5	488.7	574.1	527.9	492.9	**395.3**	na	*-19.9*	na
Welfare Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$ 347,689	344,712	346,211	358,672	355,084	362,769	**369,212**	19.0	*1.7*	na
Persons	6,279	6,267	6,246	6,480	6,382	6,560	**6,666**	18.5	*1.6*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$ 1,020,374	1,029,967	1,040,367	1,092,333	1,142,390	1,164,462	**1,144,275**	27.3	*-1.8*	na
Recipients	21,941	21,981	22,021	21,910	22,328	22,771	**22,810**	17.5	*0.1*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	6,077	5,551	5,545	5,900	5,307	4,937	**5,525**	18.7	*11.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 2,247,618	1,961,332	2,050,077	2,185,155	2,035,892	1,824,020	**2,077,319**	29.7	*13.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 463,046	314,985	308,434	405,462	321,893	252,207	**286,429**	13.9	*13.5*	na
ICF Mental	$ 387,944	386,268	385,921	389,514	409,960	434,571	**437,676**	37.4	*6.7*	na
ICF I Services	$ 631,503	673,187	669,560	659,636	718,261	646,914	**632,940**	1.1	*-2.2*	na
Physicians	$ 205,291	165,396	134,826	188,765	140,987	124,701	**96,382**	44.2	*-22.8*	na
Drugs	$ 190,270	169,458	149,564	182,098	164,189	118,179	**166,790**	44.3	*41.1*	na
Support Enforcement Services	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received	na	247	249	203	372	321	**254**	na	*-20.9*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	887	842	846	927	860	**775**	na	*-9.9*	na
Amount Collected	$ na	117,869	106,526	102,086	117,783	105,549	**95,381**	na	*-9.7*	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	132.88	126.51	120.67	127.06	122.73	**123.07**	na	*0.2*	na
Revenue Collections	**$ Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	**3,127,796**	39.9	*21.5*	20.7
Severence Tax	1,610,111	1,298,482	1,009,448	2,207,101	1,700,528	1,263,145	**1,738,085**	23.6	*37.5*	20.4

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	74	54	52	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	38	-2.6	*11.7*	2.5
Cadillac	13	8	6	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	8	-42.9	*-20.0*	-8.7
Chevrolet	59	97	109	104	90	89	85	61	85	75	75	67	-20.3	*-10.7*	4.4
Chrysler	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	22	0.0	*100.0*	na
Datsun	46	32	41	43	51	58	59	28	29	4	1	3	-94.9	*200.6*	-29.9
Dodge	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	30	0.0	*76.4*	na
Ford	71	76	74	99	83	65	87	65	62	55	45	79	61.2	*75.5*	26.2
Honda	17	32	22	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	19	-29.7	*18.7*	35.7
Lincoln	7	13	16	16	19	8	17	14	20	21	14	14	366.6	*0.0*	33.5
Mazda	6	6	5	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	5	66.6	*66.6*	-26.7
Mercury	23	31	22	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	19	18.7	*-5.0*	22.9
Oldsmobile	53	64	65	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	55	19.5	*83.3*	-19.1
Plymouth	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	10	0.0	*25.0*	na
Pontiac	70	87	58	71	95	48	71	65	76	53	27	50	-31.6	*85.1*	19.9
Renault	2	12	6	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	5	-54.6	*25.0*	73.5
Toyota	14	9	17	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	30	100.0	*87.5*	-0.5
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	12	6	11	14	14	17	16	17	29	56	36	84	500.0	*133.3*	118.1
Total Car Sales	467	527	504	584	580	499	549	444	505	447	367	538	19.0	*46.5*	9.3
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	94	101	97	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	64	78	-17.9	*21.8*	-0.4
Datsun	44	36	17	23	32	22	17	18	27	0	1	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	19.6
Dodge	0	0	1	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	30	65	0.0	*116.6*	na
Ford	83	89	100	121	88	80	83	72	81	70	66	68	-23.6	*3.0*	-2.7
GMC	49	64	62	86	87	59	83	61	95	86	47	75	44.2	*59.5*	24.8
Mazda	5	10	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	1	5	150.0	*400.0*	34.8
Toyota	11	10	11	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	16	38	442.8	*137.5*	144.2
Other	13	10	14	41	24	16	25	25	33	52	69	69	200.0	*0.0*	144.3
Total Truck Sales	299	320	304	384	349	285	340	279	362	324	294	398	40.6	*35.3*	22.1

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latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 27.9 percent higher in the current period, partly due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of non-residential building contracts was 23.7 percent higher and non-building contracts was 46.7 percent lower. During the past twelve months, new car sales increased 5.3 percent and new truck sales increased 20.6 percent.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. The data for Lafayette and New Orleans metro areas are adjusted to reflect the new parishes included in these metro areas; data have also been adjusted to reflect the fact that Alexandria and Shreveport contain fewer parishes. Lafayette and Shreveport have the two lowest unemployment rates in the state, while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of Table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 41 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised December 1984 data, means that 199 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 40 had higher unemployment rates. Lafayette and Shreveport were ranked 118 and 61, respectively; Monroe ranked 31st; New Orleans, 28th; Alexandria,21st and Houma-Thibodaux was 26th. Lake Charles had the 7th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metro areas of the country. Every metropolitan area in Louisiana, with the exception of Lafayette, ranked among the 25 percent of American cities with the highest rates of unemployment.

Employment in both the Shreveport and Baton Rouge metro areas has been growing rather nicely during the past year, but in Baton Rouge the labor force has been growing faster than employment. The labor force in Baton Rouge grew 5.4% between January 1984 and January 1985 but its total employment grew 4.9%. Thus, while Baton Rouge's unemployment rate has increased from 8.8% in January 1984 to 9.2% in January 1985, its economy is doing better than indicated by the unemployment rate. As argued in the Louisiana Economic Trends issued by this office in June 1984, employment growth is, for most local purposes, a much better indicator of economic performance.

Comparing January 1985 with January 1984, Baton Rouge had the highest percentage increase in total employment among the metro areas, followed by Shreveport and Houma/Thibodaux. During the past twelve months, total employment in Baton Rouge grew 4.9 percent while the employment in Shreveport grew 4.3 percent. Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, and New Orleans had de-

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Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		78.1	79.8	80.0	80.0	79.4	60.7	**61.4**	1.6	*1.1*	-0.4
Total Employed (000)		70.9	72.3	72.5	71.9	70.8	55.6	**55.8**	1.2	*0.3*	1.5
Total Unemployed (000)		7.2	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.6	5.1	**5.6**	5.6	*9.8*	-15.1
Unemployment Rate		9.2	9.4	9.4	10.1	10.8	8.3	**9.2**	4.5	*10.8*	-14.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,424	5,564	4,657	5,696	6,064	6,654	**8,089**	na	*21.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	707,781	683,631	602,698	758,106	829,328	938,112	**1,113,728**	na	*18.7*	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		67,978	71,456	71,456	71,456	70,839	76,826	**70,633**	na	*-8.1*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		4.0	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.2	**2.9**	38.0	*31.8*	-29.2
Non-Residential		2.7	1.8	4.1	5.6	3.1	3.1	**4.4**	120.0	*41.9*	27.5
Number Of Construction Contracts		63	83	66	66	48	34	**45**	12.5	*32.3*	-33.3
General Business Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		4	3	4	9	6	3	**2**	-77.8	*-33.4*	-86.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	6.1	**6.6**	83.3	*8.1*	-10.3
Telephone Lines (000)		99.1	99.3	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.5	**97.0**	-1.1	*-2.6*	na
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	332,027	335,149	332,872	335,291	331,562	342,422	**339,154**	7.8	*-1.0*	na
Persons		6,095	6,220	6,130	6,153	6,066	6,257	**6,270**	8.4	*0.2*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	852,838	854,066	866,289	910,341	965,206	975,037	**950,377**	12.4	*-2.6*	na
Recipients		19,990	19,979	19,919	19,736	20,364	20,671	**20,677**	6.7	*0.0*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		9,512	8,826	8,684	9,649	8,753	8,302	**9,045**	11.6	*8.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$	5,858,245	5,907,269	5,740,892	6,182,117	5,824,239	5,745,420	**6,077,094**	17.2	*5.7*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	404,908	401,413	319,368	456,135	273,204	336,721	**350,290**	35.5	*4.0*	na
ICF Mental	$	3,529,396	3,682,428	3,600,083	3,690,881	3,663,587	3,726,799	**3,844,767**	14.0	*3.1*	na
ICF I Services	$	1,029,044	1,087,016	1,080,938	1,066,980	1,093,278	1,094,705	**1,079,834**	4.4	*-1.4*	na
Physicians	$	199,957	158,473	137,123	235,329	191,004	132,409	**137,004**	117.0	*3.4*	na
Drugs	$	296,606	227,870	245,642	287,325	276,259	171,484	**77,889**	-57.4	*-54.6*	na
Support Enforcement Services		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received		na	438	456	659	552	597	**418**	na	*-30.0*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	1,539	1,548	1,507	1,700	1,603	**1,509**	na	*-5.9*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	190,435	184,008	181,552	210,021	191,151	**171,233**	na	*-10.5*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	123.74	118.87	120.47	123.54	119.25	**113.47**	na	*-4.9*	na
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		142,250	121,169	130,555	137,741	95,041	114,362	**105,530**	1.3	*-7.8*	2.0
Tax Revenue	$	15,647	13,329	14,361	15,152	10,455	12,580	**11,608**	1.3	*-7.8*	2.0
Revenue Collections	**$**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,334,988	1,684,655	1,738,892	1,664,952	1,585,983	1,609,217	**1,965,066**	40.7	*22.1*	33.7
Severence Tax		184,018	171,315	174,425	112,842	181,141	76,488	**242,030**	67.5	*216.4*	-2.5

New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	24	39	44	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	21	**55**	89.6	*161.9*	9.4
Cadillac	7	15	7	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	12	**9**	12.5	*-25.0*	-21.2
Chevrolet	52	55	71	58	55	54	49	60	53	37	26	**64**	-11.2	*146.1*	14.4
Chrysler	9	3	6	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	4	**14**	366.6	*250.0*	53.8
Datsun	22	17	15	18	29	16	28	12	7	1	4	**5**	-77.3	*25.0*	-41.7
Dodge	7	9	9	8	9	4	7	9	10	9	5	**15**	36.3	*200.0*	20.2
Ford	65	54	36	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	39	**62**	10.7	*58.9*	14.5
Honda	28	26	25	18	23	16	25	13	17	19	16	**37**	42.3	*131.2*	43.7
Lincoln	3	8	5	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	8	**20**	150.0	*150.0*	24.2
Mazda	11	8	11	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	4	**10**	-16.7	*150.0*	-24.0
Mercury	14	28	30	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	23	**50**	257.1	*117.3*	208.4
Oldsmobile	75	93	59	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	30	**65**	-19.8	*116.6*	-24.1
Plymouth	8	5	4	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	2	**11**	266.6	*450.0*	30.3
Pontiac	36	36	32	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	15	**49**	48.4	*226.6*	9.8
Renault	8	8	6	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	6	**3**	200.0	*-50.0*	337.5
Toyota	19	6	15	11	8	12	14	10	5	19	4	**16**	23.0	*300.0*	-28.4
Volkswagen	2	1	1	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	1	**6**	200.0	*500.0*	55.0
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	21	10	14	20	13	19	19	15	16	30	25	**42**	366.6	*68.0*	10.9
Total Car Sales	411	421	390	435	497	359	412	397	374	324	245	**533**	32.2	*117.5*	6.1

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	52	53	70	42	83	53	56	58	41	45	34	72	50.0	111.7	-1.1
Datsun	18	8	13	13	22	13	7	6	12	0	2	2	-88.9	0.0	14.0
Dodge	34	31	30	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	6	31	-8.8	416.6	37.3
Ford	94	87	81	98	115	104	94	81	108	67	54	98	15.2	81.4	7.9
GMC	8	13	14	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	13	18	20.0	38.4	0.0
Mazda	12	18	2	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	3	11	37.5	266.6	8.4
Toyota	11	9	14	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	9	17	0.0	88.8	1.5
Other	14	18	22	29	32	24	21	39	28	33	25	63	350.0	152.0	86.0
Total Truck Sales	243	237	246	251	345	255	232	242	245	199	146	312	35.0	113.6	13.3

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creases in total employment. Baton Rouge also had the greatest absolute increase in total non-agricultural wage and salary employment (13,100), reflecting the relative strength of the local economy in the state. The Baton Rouge economy had employment gains in durables manufacturing (7.7%), construction (18.2%), transportation, communication and the public utilities (7.3%), trade (6.8%), finance, insurance and real estate (7.2%), services (3.4%), and government (5.4%).

Baton Rouge

The value of construction contracts in Baton Rouge was 10 percent higher in January than in the previous month and 3.9 percent lower than in January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December 1984 were 2.4 percent higher than in November and 27.8 percent higher than in December 1983. Total cargo handled at the port in January 1984 was 7.4 percent higher than in the previous month and 6 percent higher than in January 1984. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was 3.6 percent less than in October and 10.2 percent greater than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value residential construction decreased 9.1 percent in the current period and the value of non-residential construction increased 26.9 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 21.9 percent in the current period. Total cargo handled by the port decreased 39.7 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 9 percent in the current twelve months.

Houma/Thibodaux

In the Houma/Thibodaux metro area, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 73.2 percent since December and increased 136.5 percent since January 1984. Retail sales tax collections in December decreased 1.8 percent since the previous month and increased 32.9 percent since December 1983. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months, retail sales taxes increased 17.0 percent in the current period.

Lafayette

The value of construction contracts in Lafayette during January dropped 50.7 percent as compared with the previous month and dropped 38.8 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December decreased 21.6 percent as compared with November and increased 36.4 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was unchanged since the previous month and increased 57.1 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of residential construction contracts decreased 13 percent in the current period and non-residential construction contracts increased 82.8 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 26.1 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 8.2 percent.

Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, the value of construction contracts in January increased 32 percent since the previous month and fell 62.5 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December fell 3.4 percent since November and increased 32.2 percent since December 1983. Total cargo handled by the port in January 1985 fell 20.2 percent sinc the previous month. The number of airline passengers in November was unchanged since the previous month and increased 33.3 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months, the value of residential construction contreacts dropped 32.2 percent and the value of non-residential construction contracts decreased 11.4 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 17.9 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 20.6 percent.

Alexandria

In Alexandria, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 37 percent since the previous month and increased 7.8 percent since January 1984.

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Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Summary		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		172.8	172.3	174.2	174.4	173.6	158.5	**160.1**	3.2	1.0	0.5
Total Employed (000)		159.8	159.5	161.1	160.7	159.8	146.8	**146.5**	4.2	-0.3	4.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	381.44	402.11	419.89	407.41	434.51	436.96	**427.87**	3.7	-2.1	8.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		39.9	41.2	42.2	40.7	41.5	42.3	**41.5**	-0.8	-1.9	3.9
Total Unemployed (000)		13.0	12.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	11.7	**13.6**	-6.9	16.2	-29.7
Unemployment Rate		7.5	7.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.4	**8.5**	-9.6	14.8	-29.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		14,207	12,135	10,614	13,253	13,770	13,848	**20,462**	na	47.7	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,835,376	1,546,245	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,642	1,831,571	**2,708,051**	na	47.8	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		96,483	96,565	97,265	97,265	93,971	101,222	**88,357**	na	-12.8	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		13.0	16.7	18.3	18.2	13.2	6.3	**7.5**	-28.6	19.0	-2.1
Non-Residential		5.9	44.7	11.6	20.3	9.4	5.9	**11.6**	-51.7	96.6	21.6
Number Of Construction Contracts		367	427	307	231	236	216	**130**	-60.8	-39.9	-0.3
FHA Construction Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	-92.9	0.0	na
5 or More	$	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.0	**0.0**	-100.0	-100.0	na
Non-Residential	$	6.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	**0.3**	-98.0	-40.0	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	**0.6**	0.0	100.0	na
Family (Other)	$	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	**0.3**	0.0	50.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	**0.1**	0.0	-75.0	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	-98.6	0.0	na
Refinancing	$	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
All Other	$	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.3	**0.2**	0.0	-84.7	na
Total Loans Closed	$	10.5	2.9	4.0	1.5	2.8	8.7	**1.8**	-94.2	-79.4	-58.4
Loans in Process	$	19.9	17.9	15.8	14.2	12.4	15.2	**13.8**	-70.8	-9.3	na
General Business Activity		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		940	897	1,336	1,005	1,035	1,002	**1,079**	11.9	7.6	24.2
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		30.0	29.0	30.0	25.0	28.0	25.0	**23.6**	-12.6	-5.6	-13.4
Telephone Lines (000)		191.6	192.2	192.7	193.3	193.5	193.0	**193.1**	2.3	0.0	na
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	891,728	905,891	891,540	904,699	908,054	922,776	**936,827**	8.3	1.5	na
Persons		16,458	16,820	16,533	16,742	16,835	17,079	**17,373**	9.5	1.7	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	2,213,998	2,200,675	2,241,096	2,358,215	2,463,227	2,472,809	**2,412,034**	8.2	-2.5	na
Recipients		50,199	50,135	50,215	49,975	51,022	51,183	**50,734**	1.7	-0.9	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		13,699	12,290	11,311	14,490	12,054	10,558	**12,516**	31.7	18.5	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,652,118	4,577,313	4,403,634	5,094,440	4,379,123	4,293,862	**4,569,001**	24.7	6.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	685,283	521,929	484,429	642,024	377,047	392,026	**498,377**	62.1	27.1	na
ICF Mental	$	1,424,798	1,580,248	1,529,317	1,541,442	1,538,258	1,539,628	**1,559,047**	21.2	1.2	na
ICF I Services	$	1,388,566	1,601,347	1,563,523	1,607,306	1,591,498	1,601,266	**1,592,148**	7.2	-0.6	na
Physicians	$	231,386	206,886	152,892	231,039	202,950	164,186	**193,096**	569.0	17.6	na
Drugs	$	422,110	305,598	283,466	431,511	296,204	244,531	**418,056**	41.7	70.9	na
Natural Resources Service		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
New Applications Received		na	471	539	424	733	723	**485**	na	-33.0	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	2,408	2,425	2,420	2,572	2,471	**2,313**	na	-6.4	na
Amount Collected	$	na	368,481	349,734	339,478	383,935	337,909	**302,929**	na	-10.4	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	153.02	144.22	140.28	149.27	136.75	**130.97**	na	-4.2	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Field Intake		12,829,195	13,742,202	12,538,392	11,406,820	11,039,750	9,996,975	**12,062,498**	-12.2	20.6	1.3
Pipeline & Other Intake		1,322,572	1,338,785	1,250,985	1,446,180	1,609,357	1,206,175	**1,127,867**	-16.6	-6.5	-6.1
Sales to Pipelines		11,767,467	12,575,142	11,686,146	10,842,706	10,508,356	9,123,162	**11,054,905**	-13.6	21.1	2.6
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		116,611	102,551	103,297	81,649	78,638	71,797	**68,001**	-8.6	-5.3	-11.3
Return to Field		71,037	73,538	72,352	67,404	77,930	78,658	**78,208**	-42.9	-0.6	-32.3
Returned for Gas Lift		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Returned to Reservoir		427,894	403,912	301,695	329,708	319,163	326,343	**338,182**	-14.7	3.6	-13.2
Vented		300,951	286,295	158,549	114,589	92,407	85,030	**82,818**	-86.1	-2.7	-56.2
Plant Fuel		691,156	767,743	738,362	709,937	747,789	718,161	**746,541**	0.8	3.9	2.1
Shrinkage and Other		776,651	871,806	728,976	707,007	824,824	799,999	**821,710**	9.5	2.7	11.6
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Number of Cases Sold		457,915	368,409	429,718	466,831	315,629	378,573	**341,219**	2.8	-9.9	-0.7
Tax Revenue	$	50,371	40,526	47,269	51,352	34,720	41,643	**37,534**	2.8	-9.9	-0.7
Retail Sales Collections		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		5,453,361	5,997,536	6,536,771	4,855,147	5,973,699	5,803,476	**7,210,482**	35.1	24.2	23.4
Severence Tax		3,096,634	2,623,378	3,340,655	2,087,830	2,734,509	1,870,841	**2,247,264**	-13.5	20.1	-11.3

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	74	76	112	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	62	**131**	24.7	111.2	15.7
Cadillac	49	43	42	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	34	**29**	-36.3	-14.8	-15.0
Chevrolet	162	222	174	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	103	**210**	9.9	103.8	11.2
Chrysler	31	39	40	43	50	37	49	34	41	30	26	**47**	56.6	80.7	7.1
Datsun	40	32	34	30	45	47	49	32	13	9	9	**5**	-90.8	-44.5	-36.0
Dodge	25	22	33	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	18	**44**	76.0	144.4	-3.5
Ford	203	146	166	137	231	142	131	124	232	208	187	**159**	29.7	-15.0	-2.1
Honda	40	32	48	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	21	**36**	-2.8	71.4	19.2
Lincoln	76	95	33	52	40	28	45	75	83	44	27	**56**	-14.2	107.4	63.6
Mazda	18	24	21	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	15	**26**	73.3	73.3	-12.7
Mercury	90	96	82	110	88	70	88	75	98	64	56	**73**	-19.8	30.3	15.2
Oldsmobile	237	231	162	244	225	171	164	139	125	122	104	**158**	-18.6	51.9	0.6
Plymouth	15	20	21	27	26	23	19	15	24	12	17	**26**	85.7	52.9	40.0
Pontiac	83	108	89	116	139	91	130	97	127	84	55	**109**	0.0	98.2	17.1
Renault	29	16	16	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	10	**8**	-39.4	-20.0	-29.1
Toyota	37	15	34	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	30	**31**	-35.5	3.3	-31.2
Volkswagen	6	10	15	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	10	**12**	50.0	20.0	32.9
Volvo	12	8	3	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	6	**9**	80.0	50.0	-2.5
Other	43	44	62	57	51	43	30	30	49	88	72	**101**	62.9	40.2	3.5
Total Car Sales	1,270	1,279	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,022	1,277	1,020	862	**1,270**	-4.0	47.3	4.0
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	123	139	180	213	178	143	153	151	167	129	106	**151**	-9.7	42.4	-2.0
Datsun	35	14	11	20	19	16	8	11	5	2	3	**0**	-100.0	-100.0	5.1
Dodge	60	65	71	49	76	76	56	46	74	54	44	**67**	36.7	52.2	22.4
Ford	183	210	198	210	216	160	189	160	194	195	122	**164**	1.8	34.4	24.0
GMC	29	21	29	26	29	30	25	23	26	14	16	**18**	-40.0	12.5	4.0
Mazda	24	19	19	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	12	**18**	-25.0	50.0	37.5
Toyota	21	7	22	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	24	**38**	100.0	58.3	42.2
Other	53	94	53	61	76	45	65	65	65	57	46	**89**	56.1	93.4	58.2
Total Truck Sales	528	569	583	621	644	511	539	502	575	473	373	**545**	-9.6	46.1	18.5

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Retail sales taxes in December increased 1.4 percent since the previous month and was unchanged since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November was unchanged since October 1984 and 10 percent higher than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, residential construction contracts fell 29.2 percent in the current period and the non-residential construction contracts incrased 27.5 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 31.2 percent and the number of airline passengers dropped 22.4 percent.

Shreveport

In Shreveport, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 56.6 percent since the previous month and decreased 44.6 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December 1984 dropped 2.4 percent since the previous month and increased 34.7 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was 10.8 percent less than in the previous month and 3.9 percent less than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months the value of non-residential construction contracts increased 21.6 percent in the current period and the value of residential construction contracts increased 2.3 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 19.7 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers decreased 14 percent.

Monroe

In Monroe, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 decreased 70.8 percent since the previous month and declined 6.4 percent since January 1985. Retail sales taxes in December increased 9.1 percent since November and increased 41.4 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 decreased 12.5 percent since October and fell 12.5 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months, residential construction contracts increased 21.7 percent in the current period and non-residential construction contracts increased 26 percent. Retail sales taxed increased 35.3 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 1.3 percent.

Endnote

It is becoming increasingly evident that the state, with the exception of Shreveport, has not, and will not, be pulled out of its economic difficulties by the lagged effects of the national recovery. It does not apperar likely that the state's economy will get much worse; however, it also does not appear likely that the state's economy will improve markedly during the next few months. Due to seasonal factors, the unadjusted state unemployment

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Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	60.3	60.7	59.5	60.1	60.2	61.1	**60.2**	-3.0	-1.5	-0.7
Total Employed (000)	54.6	55.1	54.0	54.2	54.3	55.8	**54.0**	-3.1	-3.3	1.1
Total Unemployed (000)	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.3	**6.2**	-1.6	16.9	-15.2
Unemployment Rate	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.8	8.7	**10.2**	0.9	17.2	-14.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	8,494	7,669	6,168	7,204	6,824	6,743	**9,635**	na	42.8	na
Benefits Paid	$ 1,122,670	995,320	797,361	951,144	878,329	858,248	**1,220,606**	na	42.2	na
Construction	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	23,917	22,681	21,070	21,070	21,070	22,381	**21,695**	na	-3.1	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	6.8	4.7	4.4	6.3	2.5	9.7	**2.2**	-26.7	-77.4	21.7
Non-Residential	1.0	2.7	15.0	2.2	17.8	6.4	**2.5**	78.5	-61.0	26.0
Number Of Construction Contracts	79	71	78	121	43	206	**39**	-42.7	-81.1	13.0
FHLB Statistics ($ Mil)	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	$ 3.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	3.8	0.0	**4.4**	na	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	$ 0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	**0.1**	na	0.0	na
5 or More	$ 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$ 0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	**0.0**	na	-100.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$ 3.4	2.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.3	**1.1**	na	-15.4	na
Family (Other)	$ 3.5	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	3.4	**3.3**	na	-3.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	$ 0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	**0.5**	na	-44.5	na
5 or More	$ 0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.0	**1.4**	na	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$ 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.1**	na	0.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	$ 0.0	0.0	1.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	0.0	na
Refinancing	$ 1.8	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.6	**0.5**	na	-16.7	na
All Other	$ 0.2	1.4	3.7	0.7	1.6	0.0	**0.1**	na	0.0	na
Total Loans Closed	$ 13.4	8.9	8.8	16.1	11.7	6.6	**11.4**		72.7	23.6
Loans in Process	$ 46.5	41.2	35.9	33.0	29.3	25.7	**23.9**	na	-7.1	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake	587,316	627,420	673,518	668,056	704,619	688,505	**695,251**	6.5	0.9	1.0
Pipeline & Other Intake	304,771	307,721	309,507	36,693	27,501	21,233	**26,959**	-81.4	26.9	39.7
Sales to Pipelines	276,019	339,373	328,525	23,804	19,111	11,340	**21,159**	-83.9	86.5	38.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Return to Field	28,441	28,414	26,078	26,671	26,565	25,660	**25,899**	-65.3	0.9	-41.0
Returned for Gas Lift	376,828	380,706	387,798	379,433	390,521	379,479	**382,812**	-10.5	0.8	-5.7
Returned to Reservoir	93,138	72,416	119,879	166,417	183,353	176,211	**175,131**	244.9	-0.7	123.0
Vented	1,674	4,784	6,298	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	0.0	-30.0
Plant Fuel	68,842	69,995	69,266	61,230	63,493	62,307	**64,435**	-7.4	3.4	0.6
Shrinkage and Other	47,145	39,453	45,181	47,194	49,077	54,741	**52,774**	30.3	-3.6	-9.7
Beer Sales Information	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	152,016	160,670	154,701	171,733	123,111	138,621	**131,723**	-0.5	-5.0	-3.1
Tax Revenue	$ 16,721	17,674	17,017	18,891	13,542	15,248	**14,490**	-0.5	-5.0	-3.1
General Business Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	17	18	14	15	8	9	**11**	-42.2	22.2	-19.1
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	8.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	14.9	**13.7**	71.2	-8.1	11.6
Telephone Lines (000)	129.0	129.4	130.2	130.4	130.1	130.1	**127.6**	-0.6	-2.0	na
Welfare Activity	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$ 559,314	556,406	557,289	570,035	567,411	577,548	**577,834**	8.2	0.0	na
Persons	10,377	10,326	10,340	10,583	10,519	10,744	**10,742**	8.6	-0.1	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$ 1,286,610	1,274,935	1,305,002	1,373,456	1,422,935	1,418,727	**1,351,970**	5.2	-4.8	na
Recipients	29,560	29,302	29,491	29,321	29,859	29,781	**29,462**	1.9	-1.1	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	10,514	9,164	9,156	10,313	9,271	8,570	**10,150**	26.4	18.4	na
Benefits Paid	$ 2,881,658	2,322,168	2,578,511	2,991,240	2,739,619	2,292,895	**2,816,052**	37.7	22.8	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 372,787	236,252	469,885	427,149	380,242	285,286	**480,219**	113.8	68.3	na
ICF Mental	$ 221,900	212,784	213,700	395,752	388,935	293,623	**327,011**	27.5	11.3	na
ICF I Services	$ 964,349	1,006,150	1,009,336	1,028,823	1,035,067	1,015,500	**1,044,181**	14.9	2.8	na
Physicians	$ 409,149	231,188	251,218	349,552	301,669	240,734	**217,018**	29.3	-9.9	na
Drugs	$ 435,231	337,929	315,217	452,751	336,566	244,975	**432,063**	54.5	76.3	na
Support Enforcement Services	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received	na	392	501	249	313	359	**385**	na	7.3	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	3,065	2,918	2,882	3,114	2,919	**2,702**	na	-7.5	na
Amount Collected	$ na	331,159	307,536	294,701	330,789	303,909	**283,181**	na	-6.9	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	108.04	105.39	102.26	106.23	104.11	**104.80**	na	0.6	na
Revenue Collections	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,731,163	3,598,562	3,523,979	2,860,474	2,684,378	2,930,091	**3,725,520**	42.9	27.1	39.1
Severence Tax	92,757	256,826	156,869	161,774	191,501	31,722	**243,600**	25.7	667.9	-5.7

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

Per Cent Change

New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	51	41	61	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	34	**41**	-18.0	*20.5*	-18.9
Cadillac	12	15	22	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	14	**30**	0.0	*114.2*	-4.3
Chevrolet	55	50	45	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	40	**69**	-2.9	*72.5*	-2.4
Chrysler	4	7	9	24	21	14	15	17	20	15	14	**17**	142.8	*21.4*	43.9
Datsun	15	13	21	19	19	20	19	20	13	7	4	**4**	-87.1	*0.0*	-48.1
Dodge	14	12	9	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	7	**26**	225.0	*271.4*	156.1
Ford	62	66	62	73	61	60	54	41	78	47	47	**93**	102.1	*97.8*	36.2
Honda	27	22	35	29	30	35	42	15	30	43	29	**43**	79.1	*48.2*	50.7
Lincoln	9	9	14	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	19	**20**	150.0	*5.2*	28.4
Mazda	23	12	22	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	13	**19**	18.7	*46.1*	-8.3
Mercury	37	16	26	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	33	**32**	28.0	*-3.1*	43.4
Oldsmobile	76	110	95	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	39	**74**	2.7	*89.7*	-9.2
Plymouth	2	7	1	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	9	**13**	333.3	*44.4*	239.2
Pontiac	20	27	34	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	21	**45**	28.5	*114.2*	70.5
Renault	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	**1**	0.0	*0.0*	-72.0
Toyota	11	18	18	14	31	27	30	25	31	29	30	**43**	138.8	*43.3*	19.4
Volkswagen	3	3	3	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	9	**4**	-20.0	*-55.6*	134.7
Volvo	5	10	9	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	4	**11**	83.3	*175.0*	35.0
Other	24	13	19	28	18	13	19	11	26	27	30	**43**	53.5	*43.3*	99.2
Total Car Sales	452	452	508	570	571	490	540	433	536	495	397	**628**	30.0	*58.1*	12.8
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet	64	54	57	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	63	**100**	40.8	*58.7*	9.5
Datsun	18	17	15	11	14	7	5	3	11	0	0	**3**	-57.2	*0.0*	-8.8
Dodge	12	16	20	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	18	**34**	100.0	*88.8*	126.4
Ford	58	87	90	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	50	**117**	82.8	*134.0*	40.5
GMC	37	36	29	45	38	21	47	26	43	27	23	**26**	-10.4	*13.0*	3.1
Mazda	41	12	27	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	14	**24**	-22.6	*71.4*	19.5
Toyota	8	12	19	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	17	**28**	40.0	*64.7*	24.0
Other	21	37	21	19	36	21	25	18	37	26	36	**51**	75.8	*41.6*	20.0
Total Truck Sales	259	271	278	318	335	283	283	249	373	250	221	**383**	42.9	*73.3*	23.7

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

									Per Cent Change: Latest Month vs Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month vs Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Unemployment Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		7,780	7,806	6,506	7,083	8,345	7,887	**11,414**	na	44.7	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,153,119	1,119,082	954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	1,229,085	**1,733,737**	na	41.0	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		37,593	36,314	84,405	84,405	85,079	60,995	**59,030**	na	-3.3	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		3.8	4.3	4.0	4.9	2.9	1.8	**1.6**		-11.2	
Non-Residential		1.3	8.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	3.8	**8.1**		113.1	
Number Of Construction Contracts		70	112	59	58	33	53	**41**		-22.7	
Gas Activity Report • MCF		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake		9,741,082	10,094,198	9,889,128	9,343,631	8,582,031	8,263,045	**9,023,574**	-18.4	9.2	-14.4
Pipeline & Other Intake		11,635,248	11,598,780	12,039,533	10,270,890	11,338,340	10,614,505	**10,066,170**	-13.6	-5.2	-11.9
Sales to Pipelines		19,254,659	19,654,666	20,000,198	17,623,175	18,338,340	16,745,226	**16,900,670**	-18.2	0.9	-3.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		23,399	612	1,106	9,585	24,879	48,452	**40,498**	-86.1	-16.5	-65.6
Return to Field		762,818	552,049	485,102	504,516	194,103	504,984	**708,722**	313.5	40.3	305.9
Returned for Gas Lift		233,197	249,194	258,423	264,555	276,525	266,779	**209,743**	-39.2	-21.4	-26.1
Returned to Reservoir		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Vented		1,781	1,241	514	1,105	405	1,043	**1,363**	-98.6	30.6	-82.3
Plant Fuel		410,625	459,957	414,973	418,339	412,893	498,569	**455,517**	4.0	-8.7	1.4
Shrinkage and Other		689,851	775,459	768,345	793,246	760,556	812,497	**773,231**	11.6	-4.9	9.7
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		231,474	206,553	199,109	227,954	163,066	207,212	**180,503**	7.4	-12.9	-1.1
Tax Revenue	$	25,462	22,721	21,902	25,075	17,938	22,793	**19,856**	7.4	-12.9	-1.1
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	357,218	360,871	357,312	368,547	360,992	375,793	**373,548**	19.4	-0.6	na
Persons		6,545	6,596	6,489	6,728	6,581	6,868	**6,836**	19.4	-0.5	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	1,109,997	1,110,647	1,126,492	1,192,216	1,231,954	1,242,756	**1,223,730**	19.1	-1.6	na
Recipients		24,356	24,455	24,300	24,365	24,898	25,163	**25,003**	11.3	-0.7	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		5,389	4,291	4,876	5,160	4,330	4,261	**5,448**	32.1	27.8	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,564,160	1,029,683	1,577,839	1,532,037	1,485,774	1,054,533	**1,831,952**	82.0	73.7	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	441,930	182,729	404,158	2,099,795	351,247	106,169	**429,615**	104.1	304.6	na
ICF Mental	$	147,845	167,663	187,812	211,781	192,120	219,736	**246,744**	68.0	12.2	na
ICF I Services	$	321,985	339,161	335,315	323,606	347,987	323,255	**326,164**	4.0	0.8	na
Physicians	$	186,193	76,445	122,046	127,056	95,167	110,137	**66,460**	2.5	-39.7	na
Drugs	$	123,430	109,382	113,651	124,992	112,146	92,581	**144,578**	66.6	56.1	na
Support Enforcement Services		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received		na	240	416	394	174	371	**464**	na	25.0	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	561	568	560	616	615	**603**	na	-2.0	na
Amount Collected	$	na	83,970	78,358	72,613	91,251	83,473	**83,069**	na	-0.5	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	149.68	137.95	129.67	148.13	135.73	**137.76**	na	1.4	na
Revenue Collections	$	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,679,080	1,774,938	1,943,065	1,995,692	1,843,016	1,811,145	**2,208,848**	29.4	21.9	18.1
Severence Tax		10,267,403	8,987,124	8,424,101	7,596,784	6,490,737	9,015,300	**8,453,693**	-6.7	-6.3	-8.4

New Car Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Buick	41	60	71	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	29	**58**	94.7	100.0	19.8
Cadillac	15	6	16	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	9	**20**	81.8	122.2	-9.5
Chevrolet	59	78	79	82	71	64	58	68	69	49	45	**73**	8.9	62.2	19.1
Chrysler	14	11	12	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	14	**16**	33.3	14.2	21.7
Datsun	24	22	21	15	24	25	22	22	13	1	6	**2**	-91.4	-66.7	-44.9
Dodge	16	12	11	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	17	**15**	36.3	-11.8	-41.3
Ford	60	56	53	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	49	**47**	9.3	-4.1	24.4
Honda	21	27	32	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	33	**46**	70.3	39.3	112.9
Lincoln	6	7	9	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	11	**15**	87.5	36.3	19.0
Mazda	0	7	5	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	2	**3**	0.0	50.0	-6.9
Mercury	26	18	24	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	18	**28**	27.2	55.5	15.5
Oldsmobile	77	81	59	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	43	**66**	-3.0	53.4	-7.0
Plymouth	6	14	8	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	4	**17**	88.8	325.0	29.5
Pontiac	30	34	35	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	40	**38**	26.6	-5.0	8.0
Renault	3	3	3	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	1	**1**	66.7	0.0	121.7
Toyota	33	12	16	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	27	**23**	11.6	-14.9	29.0
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Other	10	9	10	20	12	13	13	7	8	17	25	**27**	350.0	8.0	362.1
Total Car Sales	441	457	464	553	570	464	528	410	455	368	373	**495**	21.9	32.7	10.0

Economic Indicators: Houma Area — Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	61	61	55	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	41	**66**	-3.0	***60.9***	24.5
Datsun	19	21	12	12	12	14	11	7	8	0	1	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-31.6
Dodge	69	59	71	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	49	**58**	41.4	***18.3***	22.8
Ford	68	64	70	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	58	**63**	-3.1	***8.6***	11.4
GMC	22	26	33	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	24	**40**	14.2	***66.6***	-5.9
Mazda	4	3	5	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	4	**3**	0.0	***-25.0***	72.4
Toyota	18	13	11	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	18	**27**	125.0	***50.0***	153.5
Other	15	13	12	19	29	20	26	19	31	25	34	**44**	175.0	***29.4***	222.6
Total Truck Sales	276	260	269	331	333	279	271	218	285	272	229	**301**	20.4	***31.4***	24.0

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rate will probably decrease slightly during the next two or three months. It appears that the state's economy will be at a relatively flat plateau with a higher unemployment rate and a lower growth rate than the nation. Increasing oil and gas prices, a declining international value of the dollar, and changes in other international value of the dollar, and changes in other international factors will have to occur before the state economy shows a significant rebound.

Appendix

The Louisiana Leading Economic Indicators

The purpose of the Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator is to provide monthly projections of the direction which Louisiana's economy is likely to take in the following 3 to 9 months. The index is based on 1976 equal to 100 but the value of the index is not as important as the changes in it from month to month.

Two other characteristics of the index are important. First, the Leading Economic Indicator forecasts general trends in the state's economy for the months that follow. The Louisiana Economic Indicator "leads" changes in the state's personal income, employment and earnings. For example, the decline in the index during the first eight months of 1982 correctly forecasted the decrease in personal income and employment which occurred in the latter part of 1982 and the early part of 1983; the upward trend in the indicator in the latter part of 1982 preceded the increased in Louisiana's personal income, employment and earnings which begin in March of 1983.

A second characteristic is that the Leading Economic Indicator is much more volatile than the measurements of general economic activity such as personal income or employment. Thus, the Leading Economic Indicator might decrease by 6 or 7 percent as it did between January and August, 1982. However, the state's economy might experience only a one percent decrease in employment or personal income.

By their very nature, leading economic indicators are relatively simplistic and connot capture all of the influences being exerted on the economy. However, if they are used with caution they can provide some indication of the future direction of the economy. The index is updated and revised each month.

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

Parish	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Jun 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jun 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	403,397	461,428	556,297	513,699	463,791	497,783	**584,071**	36.9	17.3	19.9
Allen	21,739	70,976	81,850	122,979	101,523	83,755	90,091	**111,443**	28.1	23.7	29.6
Ascension	54,618	512,465	570,426	621,203	582,712	580,474	576,885	**938,210**	85.6	62.6	36.1
Assumption	23,955	63,673	74,536	70,608	70,956	72,038	61,765	**73,875**	17.3	19.6	8.8
Avoyelles	42,715	134,096	149,961	168,477	176,185	164,065	169,994	**195,870**	34.2	15.2	23.7
Beauregard	31,207	143,727	217,870	274,338	239,994	244,801	315,064	**329,378**	40.4	4.5	85.8
Bienville	16,188	57,758	38,274	37,662	48,502	40,374	42,716	**60,475**	30.9	41.5	19.1
Bossier	88,370	739,781	846,634	910,379	875,758	825,662	888,112	**929,624**	22.9	4.6	28.2
Caddo	261,817	4,159,375	4,848,666	5,299,213	3,632,821	4,846,714	4,572,237	**5,874,292**	36.6	28.4	21.8
Calcasieu	176,760	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	**3,127,796**	39.9	21.5	20.7
Caldwell	10,947	41,922	58,806	51,707	51,182	51,431	40,458	**54,982**	32.4	35.9	35.1
Cameron	10,139	99,117	63,940	54,111	69,920	83,429	58,714	**66,053**	59.9	12.4	38.0
Catahoula	12,326	55,365	63,005	70,003	68,823	63,563	67,372	**81,948**	28.3	21.6	15.9
Claiborne	18,367	101,741	102,969	135,692	101,057	96,245	103,517	**134,261**	42.8	29.6	32.8
Concordia	23,577	108,537	145,559	139,313	144,242	152,551	138,243	**167,617**	47.2	21.2	35.2
Desoto	26,970	121,723	180,418	167,259	158,360	139,021	156,015	**200,176**	59.8	28.3	44.3
East Baton Rouge	389,503	6,870,428	9,570,935	8,237,799	8,273,589	8,140,734	8,379,208	**11,055,967**	40.1	31.9	25.2
East Carroll	11,671	56,312	51,636	68,989	116,643	49,405	58,267	**70,539**	64.9	21.0	46.7
East Feliciana	19,939	87,748	578,544	67,821	48,354	59,101	57,064	**67,888**	35.7	18.9	176.9
Evangeline	34,367	143,541	173,667	191,989	173,913	166,458	181,282	**214,286**	27.3	18.2	32.3
Franklin	24,509	95,323	106,381	111,524	131,249	117,501	120,543	**148,474**	63.6	23.1	30.9
Grant	17,621	27,091	13,454	13,418	31,953	17,746	15,100	**23,816**	3.4	57.7	20.5
Iberia	69,257	733,183	857,076	861,506	823,365	862,387	888,483	**997,115**	39.9	12.2	37.7
Iberville	32,981	295,764	383,256	577,505	403,936	449,584	187,196	**481,067**	632.6	156.9	67.6
Jackson	17,309	95,070	111,808	175,518	215,351	62,394	185,386	**168,029**	47.5	-9.4	138.6
Jefferson	476,915	7,666,076	8,084,948	7,999,463	8,553,125	8,351,410	8,195,610	**9,689,419**	41.7	18.2	35.6
Jefferson Davis	33,017	187,252	214,146	253,952	219,377	231,614	224,751	**264,891**	-0.3	17.8	23.7
Lafayette	169,694	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	**5,421,703**	25.0	26.3	27.5
Lafourche	88,349	526,056	589,911	610,107	624,789	603,318	605,698	**674,058**	33.2	11.2	26.3
Lasalle	17,697	95,385	96,354	98,031	108,670	96,614	105,505	**123,441**	0.2	17.0	21.3
Lincoln	41,847	303,807	321,219	391,659	451,119	455,942	368,412	**514,993**	34.8	39.7	20.9
Livingston	66,451	234,443	253,674	295,519	282,629	262,926	229,484	**298,179**	35.9	29.9	23.7
Madison	15,894	57,838	68,039	69,749	66,023	65,268	63,238	**83,893**	57.1	32.6	40.0
Morehouse	35,183	545,988	1,024,230	251,502	233,283	242,735	241,838	**285,717**	80.4	18.1	140.7
Natchitoches	40,805	244,792	277,751	295,781	292,324	267,663	270,179	**344,787**	35.4	27.6	36.3
Orleans	567,062	9,877,115	12,723,126	11,977,473	12,360,047	13,578,022	11,883,878	**15,632,514**	33.8	31.5	14.6
Ouachita	142,300	2,185,175	2,574,332	3,272,477	2,627,191	2,441,643	2,688,253	**3,439,803**	40.5	27.9	31.3
Plaquemines	26,778	290,665	338,603	398,848	355,981	328,279	365,249	**489,047**	42.2	33.8	6.1
Pointe Coupee	25,091	100,430	95,221	123,840	93,043	107,761	1,629,995	**216,876**	206.6	-86.7	219.5
Rapides	138,346	1,307,897	1,671,201	1,725,474	1,632,999	1,568,237	1,594,117	**1,941,250**	41.4	21.7	33.9
Red River	11,114	34,059	41,692	40,849	41,029	39,614	37,422	**44,170**	6.5	18.0	13.6
Richland	22,785	103,935	61,539	123,087	152,728	129,599	118,379	**172,124**	80.2	45.4	25.0
Sabine	27,139	97,032	129,900	113,270	118,166	124,659	114,235	**140,315**	30.1	22.8	20.9
St. Bernard	67,949	318,753	543,530	375,330	215,839	351,149	361,733	**423,553**	95.3	17.0	49.3
St. Charles	41,103	333,661	311,124	415,295	326,344	436,067	381,472	**411,472**	32.7	7.8	70.6
St. Helena	10,186	12,699	-7,493	9,409	14,483	4,297	7,789	**6,607**	-67.2	-15.2	-4.1
St James	21,970	91,743	145,415	58,517	121,661	123,220	121,385	**152,818**	41.8	25.8	12.0
St. John	37,668	301,380	378,537	391,124	404,937	367,826	360,745	**591,562**	109.2	63.9	49.0
St. Landry	87,800	508,620	559,400	587,405	606,526	555,973	561,140	**667,559**	20.6	18.9	24.0
St. Martin	44,455	223,691	255,234	235,272	280,028	233,056	245,984	**288,996**	32.8	17.4	30.1
St. Mary	66,950	685,580	974,472	897,767	856,736	844,011	849,709	**908,289**	34.3	6.8	27.4
St. Tammany	128,130	997,936	1,101,338	1,074,469	1,104,198	1,065,727	1,090,464	**1,245,038**	32.9	14.1	31.7
Tangipahoa	87,863	565,745	684,937	676,464	736,657	635,381	608,240	**774,782**	38.7	27.3	23.3
Tensas	8,244	26,541	23,097	25,757	34,510	21,071	15,981	**27,249**	66.7	70.5	28.2
Terrebonne	102,038	1,153,024	1,185,027	1,332,958	1,371,903	1,239,698	1,205,447	**1,534,790**	27.8	27.3	14.3
Union	21,734	66,468	83,774	80,263	81,643	78,271	76,467	**95,508**	63.5	24.9	25.4
Vermillion	52,445	275,680	331,160	338,481	319,570	335,905	371,672	**398,845**	25.9	7.3	15.7
Vernon	61,275	235,559	244,988	237,049	226,423	225,049	230,302	**297,115**	36.9	29.0	22.5
Washington	45,765	184,090	208,307	212,400	217,713	194,798	193,101	**274,139**	26.5	41.9	25.4
Webster	45,205	554,205	302,236	327,179	346,568	301,323	343,127	**406,566**	43.7	18.4	37.1
West Baton Rouge	20,168	190,347	226,614	172,106	161,264	134,124	156,179	**171,110**	-12.8	9.5	-34.2
West Carroll	13,267	77,579	60,641	64,983	69,534	48,442	45,908	**61,049**	23.6	32.9	23.8
West Feliciana	13,269	175,404	144,105	179,532	169,533	3,770,447	221,373	**244,220**	23.3	10.3	202.8
Winn	17,575	82,023	100,942	124,205	104,440	116,238	115,595	**156,809**	54.0	35.6	32.4
Out Of State		22,200,538	23,645,458	25,057,146	26,330,857	25,099,276	25,756,716	**35,660,886**	37.9	38.4	31.7

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
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Grocery Stores	2,855,771	5,198,887	3,217,727	3,502,649	3,262,415	3,313,204	**3,618,508**	50.0	9.2	42.4
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	92,359	107,760	126,096	113,017	122,710	93,684	**120,134**	13.4	28.2	7.3
Meat & Seafood Stores	315,089	357,559	399,174	373,587	364,291	351,757	**396,059**	36.5	12.6	18.3
Restaurants & Cafes	2,956,070	3,392,766	3,462,950	3,618,164	3,436,438	3,149,352	**3,524,841**	46.0	11.9	23.2
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,382,406	2,923,741	3,196,335	2,658,050	3,116,049	3,130,698	**3,754,941**	39.3	19.9	17.0
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	198,202	229,771	229,029	206,450	172,627	208,346	**178,113**	2.3	-14.6	16.9
Bakeries	72,136	81,618	81,580	72,082	82,840	70,207	**98,147**	68.9	39.7	31.1
Chain Stores (Food)	526,842	510,354	515,803	647,306	793,939	511,778	**569,488**	15.6	11.2	-0.4
Other Foods	1,628,847	1,828,982	1,868,345	2,085,382	1,946,054	1,616,557	**1,936,532**	40.1	19.7	39.2
Men and Boy's Clothing	262,499	309,223	327,007	311,511	325,007	396,402	**691,023**	25.5	74.3	17.3
Women's Ready To Wear	558,418	660,040	764,881	783,911	796,725	860,012	**1,299,347**	36.3	51.0	23.0
Millinery	524,910	534,159	521,962	720,784	533,082	740,933	**1,365,722**	39.7	84.3	19.3
Shoe Stores	560,380	697,951	849,879	674,123	721,977	733,100	**1,164,337**	33.1	58.8	15.5
Salvage Clothing	4,950	5,074	5,164	7,578	6,466	6,922	**9,288**	63.4	34.1	23.7
Children's Clothing	35,267	550,090	65,945	64,601	56,163	59,330	**88,129**	58.6	48.5	112.9
Chain Stores (Clothing)	96	131	193	371	271	0	**616**	-19.1	0.0	-87.3
Other Apparel	652,337	762,989	926,652	888,113	868,083	974,328	**1,634,102**	41.1	67.7	31.3
Department Stores	2,607,809	2,878,275	3,387,195	3,164,734	3,084,392	4,180,061	**6,306,995**	36.2	50.8	33.7
Country & Farm Stores	5,488	7,935	15,269	11,232	8,703	11,597	**20,849**	34.9	79.7	-8.2
Variety Stores	2,342,347	2,761,068	2,351,090	2,399,153	3,460,731	1,791,908	**5,516,270**	52.2	207.8	33.3
Drug Stores	939,235	1,264,232	1,365,088	1,229,534	1,330,102	1,328,837	**2,338,094**	40.0	75.9	25.2
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,154,501	1,324,608	1,381,270	1,405,975	1,440,696	1,309,962	**2,814,986**	-7.4	114.8	9.0
Feed & Seed	125,315	157,503	131,452	178,401	151,212	153,503	**152,457**	1.9	-0.7	21.3
Hardware Stores	1,163,043	1,411,646	1,493,830	1,446,416	1,356,659	1,361,349	**1,259,473**	8.4	-7.5	15.7
Farm Implement Dealers	662,843	698,868	762,883	869,963	809,260	679,781	**739,200**	81.0	8.7	32.3
Chain Stores (General)	1,734,411	2,291,575	2,784,093	2,140,535	2,281,464	3,277,075	**3,976,626**	29.1	21.3	19.4
Other General Merchandise	1,037,277	1,205,172	1,792,633	1,324,968	1,205,690	1,250,517	**2,049,985**	30.5	63.9	25.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	675,811	933,000	981,428	862,336	978,761	887,128	**843,559**	31.7	-5.0	18.9
Auto Parts, Tires	2,040,314	2,527,328	2,538,452	2,419,790	2,438,313	2,406,933	**2,266,370**	25.9	-5.9	20.0
Service Stations	1,398,846	885,239	1,028,012	975,181	1,196,470	823,710	**1,200,628**	27.1	45.7	23.7
Garages, Repair Shops	979,636	1,115,037	1,044,166	1,201,707	1,054,359	1,012,229	**1,237,411**	41.8	22.2	24.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	62,890	105,188	98,717	83,779	66,857	81,014	**67,874**	-71.8	-16.3	41.6
Marine Supplies	172,835	311,531	240,962	183,354	172,729	159,085	**170,884**	-10.0	7.4	26.8
Motor Boats	140,137	135,821	150,693	89,669	90,741	69,986	**119,556**	78.2	70.8	19.1
Aircraft	38,339	43,625	45,345	55,192	35,979	43,941	**53,509**	0.9	21.7	5.3
Chain Stores (Auto)	721,887	945,091	852,754	865,479	852,006	844,108	**2,459,849**	207.9	191.4	2.0
Other Automotive	100,613	117,459	135,864	123,409	157,865	136,892	**125,822**	26.9	-8.1	29.5
Furniture Stores	694,953	879,049	931,882	827,630	898,135	984,672	**1,160,299**	27.9	17.8	19.3
Electric & Gas App	1,334,189	1,530,155	1,576,442	1,560,271	1,544,302	1,771,907	**2,153,470**	30.2	21.5	26.2
Butane Dealers	691,836	744,469	801,733	821,268	825,049	761,160	**762,484**	-3.5	0.1	14.8
Store, Office Furniture	1,316,858	1,783,378	1,703,434	1,663,960	1,898,237	1,613,322	**2,164,413**	55.1	34.1	64.3
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	210,388	271,573	299,756	267,476	379,105	283,465	**321,087**	48.3	13.2	-25.2
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	360,679	327,218	355,595	358,244	360,672	382,404	**600,988**	131.2	57.1	37.7
Dental, Medical Supplies	393,039	450,650	463,414	481,016	461,340	431,439	**580,260**	106.5	34.4	12.9
Safes, Locks	37,160	43,454	45,854	51,712	46,529	45,714	**73,123**	50.2	59.9	23.8
Chain Stores (Furniture)	549	413	1,963	401	1,499	1,287	**1,180**	136.9	-8.4	28.6
Other Furniture	353,101	365,289	347,218	380,871	358,262	351,701	**444,296**	34.5	26.3	24.2
Bldg Contractors, Construction	183,701	204,666	214,978	205,288	191,086	214,015	**182,933**	22.6	-14.6	8.7
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,242,791	5,041,336	5,037,159	4,827,967	4,659,519	4,610,241	**4,044,762**	21.1	-12.3	19.6
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	2,737,445	3,412,613	3,148,771	3,256,806	3,467,675	2,997,853	**3,294,356**	62.8	9.9	51.6
Oil Well Equipment	2,520,055	3,394,883	3,405,160	3,178,944	3,488,575	3,040,885	**3,986,707**	57.0	31.1	45.9
Contractors (Elect)	239,981	265,077	275,715	246,388	262,750	256,979	**270,838**	34.0	5.3	35.6
Contractors (Paint)	20,458	19,553	19,514	23,863	19,369	17,081	**20,988**	66.1	22.8	55.8
Contractors (Roofing)	55,255	61,222	58,668	51,083	65,920	63,997	**54,032**	63.0	-15.6	23.1
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,127,886	2,011,048	2,014,950	2,333,582	5,981,960	2,188,014	**2,102,485**	18.7	-4.0	37.9
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Other Contractors	403,299	453,888	509,724	430,869	390,383	372,206	**350,188**	-17.9	-6.0	-1.1
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,153,570	1,433,003	1,439,440	1,670,294	1,669,682	1,771,861	**1,336,068**	66.2	-24.6	49.8
Leasing, Renting	2,487,827	2,521,341	2,498,929	2,704,023	2,369,370	2,525,701	**3,491,334**	46.1	38.2	18.4
Bowling, Billiards	16,198	21,799	31,378	33,914	33,156	29,771	**22,901**	47.2	-23.1	81.0
Laundry, Tailoring	294,505	362,754	364,157	372,085	402,239	379,417	**445,349**	39.7	17.3	27.9
Newspapers, Printing	777,897	814,435	904,845	988,340	924,140	932,060	**1,137,133**	85.3	22.0	34.3
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,099	1,376	1,927	2,051	2,064	1,743	**2,249**	269.2	29.0	56.5
Warehouses	35,172	50,398	43,061	49,751	40,870	37,343	**49,549**	54.2	32.6	-15.2
Shoe Repair, Shine	16,998	14,259	18,940	20,800	20,239	20,485	**35,432**	52.4	72.9	23.4

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

Per Cent Change

	Jul 94	Aug 94	Sep 94	Oct 94	Nov 94	Dec 94	Jan 95	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Machine Shops, Welding	627,051	643,350	742,915	706,388	726,289	666,951	**769,207**	12.0	*15.3*	17.5
Other Service Groups	731,703	881,907	849,461	888,787	644,514	754,517	**974,580**	76.2	*29.1*	28.5
Beverage Bottlers	485,571	590,046	788,763	588,406	608,423	507,604	**497,945**	47.2	*-2.0*	23.7
Sugar Refineries	9,751	15,215	11,246	9,700	9,503	12,814	**7,038**	-55.0	*-45.1*	17.4
Petroleum, Natural Gas	137,204	130,988	117,316	1,187,222	642,073	330,476	**198,768**	11.8	*-39.9*	154.0
Petroleum Refineries	298,088	501,337	506,480	294,130	308,094	240,205	**444,474**	67.8	*85.0*	43.2
Sawmills, Sash & Door	13,729	8,554	14,827	15,934	9,784	22,563	**23,383**	110.4	*3.6*	56.2
Sand & Gravel	326,947	314,646	311,906	400,793	290,459	303,638	**300,280**	23.4	*-1.2*	14.9
Rice Mills	1,150	491	1,070	1,318	738	2,968	**1,568**	-32.5	*-47.2*	-55.2
Cotton Seed Oil	2,837	1,754	2,947	3,710	4,496	4,358	**4,678**	67.6	*7.3*	40.6
Ice Manufacture	31,316	41,596	32,610	30,988	20,383	15,323	**13,028**	33.2	*-15.0*	7.1
Other Manufacturers	5,186,858	7,524,989	6,992,967	8,888,060	7,296,404	7,056,657	**7,109,704**	46.4	*0.7*	41.9
Railroads	0	0	0	20	0	0	**20**	-9.1	*0.0*	-51.2
Bus Lines, Etc.	16,191	40,144	34,918	26,387	37,894	233	**103**	-77.3	*-55.8*	9,408.1
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	1,488	1,337	534	1,290	331	501	**1,540**	-38.1	*207.3*	-52.6
Fire Protection	27,082	33,164	31,994	33,733	27,835	28,944	**29,592**	49.2	*2.2*	38.6
Pipelines	910	2,187	278	1,371	2,374	26	**3,530**	430.0	*13,476.9*	10.2
Light, Power, Gas	92,092	163,983	74,430	62,243	92,518	78,011	**93,549**	-4.0	*19.9*	12.8
Telephone, Telegraph	9,766	10,092	21,834	19,830	10,897	24,979	**19,156**	201.7	*-23.4*	58.8
Other Utilities	141,875	-4,877	72,120	78,962	125,129	110,843	**622,257**	1,901.4	*461.3*	-24.6
Book Stores, Etc.	389,800	325,705	514,321	539,475	400,269	370,955	**531,790**	32.9	*43.3*	25.6
Itinerant Vendors	9,618	10,236	13,487	13,713	12,690	10,210	**11,492**	22.4	*12.5*	16.2
Piano, Musical Instruments	276,238	317,985	312,633	345,809	330,750	386,053	**532,917**	6.6	*38.0*	10.7
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	59,817	74,208	61,812	61,559	69,633	66,397	**65,340**	31.0	*-1.6*	26.6
Photo Studios	295,697	308,481	324,906	352,097	345,647	324,658	**437,145**	42.0	*34.6*	23.7
Cigar Stores, News	575,027	674,034	693,904	674,854	710,632	677,823	**710,547**	30.0	*4.8*	19.7
Florists, Nurseries	288,325	247,356	257,417	275,763	274,143	271,694	**423,151**	38.9	*55.7*	26.4
Funeral Parlors	122,585	136,032	125,817	147,887	129,899	125,328	**150,985**	33.2	*20.4*	22.2
Fishing Bait	148,977	156,646	96,952	165,919	185,549	128,523	**149,997**	66.1	*16.7*	-5.9
Miscellaneous	7,947,133	7,115,618	8,211,664	8,028,250	7,708,447	10,360,592	**12,863,081**	100.4	*24.1*	30.2
Common Carriers	261,924	319,277	305,484	389,496	372,014	357,271	**414,014**	45.3	*15.8*	19.0
Total Sales Tax	73,036,841	85,944,439	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	**110,736,120**	44.0	*27.6*	27.9

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Police Juries

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	226,740	256,600	258,423	307,971	200,440	255,814	**329,756**			
Ascension	54,618	300,071	220,095	326,214	298,671	241,773	256,034	**0**			
Assumption	23,955	85,088	87,918	90,610	103,241	96,351	88,131	**0**			
Caldwell	10,947	43,716	49,942	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	**56,453**			
Catahoula	12,326	92,808	76,208	74,947	86,590	74,998	71,874	**82,998**			
Concordia	23,577	69,666	59,128	57,481	65,513	65,698	65,892	**62,712**			
E Baton Rouge	389,503	6,619,070	5,755,152	6,662,782	5,869,572	5,788,527	5,552,730	**7,237,291**			
Lafayette	169,694	431,383	299,260	308,434	293,950	291,526	275,020	**339,433**			
Lincoln Police Jury	41,847	138,594	152,076	179,489	161,016	147,746	226,591	**136,996**			
Madison	15,894	23,511	24,582	28,632	19,695	26,216	25,914	**15,064**			
Ouachita	142,300	294,222	243,310	276,100	292,964	243,293	231,968	**310,780**			
Pointe Coupee	25,091	165,480	105,843	107,950	171,166	163,348	120,420	**217,420**			
Rapides	138,346	767,939	777,551	833,769	818,783	727,151	862,325	**922,412**			
Red River	11,114	36,281	38,445	37,450	50,182	27,798	38,901	**37,033**			
St Bernard	67,949	597,635	668,179	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	**454,195**			
St Charles	41,103	349,481	354,607	428,556	308,303	226,143	518,774	**308,224**			
Tensas	8,244	30,562	26,517	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Terrebonne	102,038	1,208,876	1,016,480	1,029,402	1,084,544	1,022,201	1,193,442	**1,125,475**			
Vermillion	52,445	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
W Ascensn	54,618	39,031	29,062	30,032	33,129	39,594	28,159	**0**			
Total		11,520,154	10,240,955	11,309,472	10,520,607	9,905,242	10,514,343	**11,636,242**			

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

Cities & Towns	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Abbeville	12,478	89,369	85,735	91,100	96,232	82,706	90,023	**113,504**	4.4	26.0	4.9
Abita Springs	1,131	5,331	6,090	2,182	5,684	4,330	5,034	**2,617**	-23.5	-48.1	56.1
Albany	874	3,139	4,119	5,220	3,927	4,001	4,367	**3,511**	7.2	-19.7	31.9
Alexandria	52,371	439,577	448,964	481,318	473,775	408,979	484,729	**613,220**	-0.6	26.5	6.5
Amite City	4,448	73,147	65,556	68,984	79,348	70,814	71,787	**92,667**	2.1	29.0	5.6
Angie	322	1,488	1,154	419	na	na	na				
Arcadia	3,531	23,374	17,857	16,985	22,099	16,316	18,735	**21,330**	-4.2	13.8	-3.1
Arnaudville	1,734	13,667	15,889	16,102	14,086	14,237	16,002	**22,041**	33.7	37.7	13.1
Baker	13,496	139,128	145,129	119,394	138,351	142,117	114,265	**172,292**	22.7	50.7	4.9
Basile	2,720	9,203	8,123	11,934	12,462	5,509	13,737	**8,627**	-10.7	-37.2	11.3
Bastrop	15,279	102,920	98,632	119,120	114,058	105,010	127,762	**93,504**	-30.2	-26.9	-4.9
Benton	2,062	6,283	9,210	11,917	4,599	6,143	5,368				
Bernice	2,082	8,838	6,975	7,711	8,145	6,350	8,376	**9,379**	2.1	11.9	5.9
Bogalusa	16,941	225,107	254,792	243,688	281,847	225,636	311,767	**293,524**	-9.8	-5.9	6.1
Bonita	507	1,514	1,456	891	963	959	1,304	**975**	19.7	-25.3	2.9
Bossier City	53,032	596,447	584,027	597,348	668,703	545,584	549,920	**703,741**	0.5	27.9	11.1
Breaux Bridge	6,412	42,105	40,000	43,186	45,267	35,284	46,187	**54,169**	18.7	17.2	7.1
Broussard	3,264	27,196	25,738	34,273	57,812	37,144	36,008	**45,335**	61.2	25.9	33.0
Bunkie	5,400	49,977	47,657	52,110	48,268	48,226	46,602	**55,202**	-7.9	18.4	6.8
Campti	1,069										
Cankton	342	645	729	783	581	595	715	**640**	-7.7	-10.5	-2.2
Carencro	4,137	36,957	37,396	31,719	31,529	32,988	31,295	**34,495**	18.2	10.2	5.9
Church Point	4,692	18,016	18,421	18,621	20,305	15,806	18,181	**22,126**	-10.2	21.6	1.2
Colfax	1,697	13,805	11,795	12,990	14,123	13,368	11,697	**15,012**	-9.2	28.3	1.2
Columbia	689	11,109	9,501	7,390	17,658	8,195	10,151	**7,488**	-27.2	-26.1	12.3
Cotton Valley	1,555	2,800	2,500	2,600	3,000	2,300	3,458	**2,300**	14.5	-33.5	7.5
Cottonport	2,119	7,286	7,233	7,233	7,581	5,739	7,300	**8,251**	-11.0	13.0	3.2
Coushatta	2,187	21,463	21,806	18,373	24,244	18,451	16,748	**25,111**	0.3	49.9	9.2
Covington	8,280	170,592	165,532	163,386	180,106	170,592	261,656	**261,656**	86.4	0.0	22.3
Crowley	16,242	158,451	182,186	162,905	168,208	154,610	164,253	**255,195**	14.2	55.3	0.1
Cullen	1,862	3,096	3,476	4,364	4,463	2,896	4,609	**3,630**	-8.4	-21.3	9.3
Delcambre	2,226	7,916	8,239	9,844	9,798	8,076	9,762				
Delhi	3,321	9,420	9,982	9,249	12,110	8,103	11,456	**10,580**	25.2	-7.7	-1.1
Delta	283	953	238	264	290	941	176	**767**	65.3	335.7	14.9
Denham Sprgs	8,963	102,278	117,395	92,468	134,108	98,063	132,562	**80,270**	-39.8	-39.5	6.8
Dequincy	4,101	44,051	35,733	39,114	39,553	39,179	39,228	**48,039**	3.7	22.4	79.0
DeRidder	11,191	80,708	84,384	78,547	86,481	71,249	88,234	**100,120**	1.2	13.4	7.4
Dixie Inn	506	5,423	4,849	5,526	4,990	4,868	4,933	**4,421**	-19.1	-10.4	-3.1
Donaldsonville	8,070	57,715	67,450	67,787	64,071	66,178	77,697				
Dubach	1,234	1,625	2,077	1,957	3,012	1,744	3,594	**3,682**	33.3	2.4	25.6
Duson	1,355	17,606	14,999	14,692	18,050	13,899	18,366	**17,660**	38.6	-3.9	1.5
Elizabeth	458	1,029	992	1,202	1,526	958	1,149	**1,176**	-19.7	2.3	-2.4
Elton	1,441	3,356	3,825	2,262	4,234	2,576	3,465	**3,376**	-25.4	-2.6	4.0
Erath	2,345	9,692	9,291	9,074	9,953	7,954	11,315	**12,608**	8.2	11.4	-3.3
Estherwood	728	706	717	1,143	1,092	1,101	651	**1,500**	86.5	130.4	6.9
Eunice	12,624	159,043	157,196	154,658	155,689	157,169	192,138	**134,430**	-28.6	-30.1	2.1
Farmerville	3,779	24,566	24,751	25,723	32,070	21,654	25,670	**34,558**	17.8	34.6	6.5
Ferriday	4,463	36,475	32,183	30,775	29,711	25,663	27,740	**37,359**	-1.4	34.6	1.8
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	**5,000**	0.0	0.0	0.0
Folsom	350	3,913	3,785	4,034	3,793	2,126	4,522	**4,079**	-20.9	-9.8	27.3
Franklinton	4,196	36,632	36,461	42,912	37,790	36,365	43,329				
Gibsland	1,354	1,287	2,397	2,749	2,687	1,993	3,554	**1,935**	4.1	-45.6	1,268.0
Gilbert	804	2,075	1,700	3,574	1,305	1,609	2,128	**990**	-31.0	-53.5	20.0
Glenmora	1,490	3,279	3,427	3,592	4,044	2,800	3,412	**4,435**	7.6	29.9	-7.8
Gold Meadow	2,320	8,770	11,480	9,370	10,240	10,133	9,408	**10,947**	38.2	16.3	-3.6
Gonzales	7,517	112,842	117,280	100,357	111,513	98,970	108,083	**128,412**	-4.0	18.8	9.2
Grambling	4,226	3,628	3,540	4,022	10,250	3,727	6,886	**6,834**	0.1	-0.8	21.6
Gramercy	3,477	18,234	15,087	14,824	15,989	19,462	15,331	**21,397**	5.1	39.5	5.4
Grand Coteau	1,160	3,742	2,673	2,235	3,525	2,168	2,774	**2,774**	1.4	0.0	2.3
Greensburg	683	4,121	2,757	3,434	6,271	3,389	5,976	**4,237**	-31.5	-29.1	8.2
Gueydan	1,702	9,107	7,249	8,102	8,601	11,230	9,792	**7,600**	-7.4	-22.4	10.7
Hall Summit	284	342	548	411	456	331	275	**485**	40.9	76.3	-32.0
Hammond	15,792	390,783	365,734	379,368	410,596	395,193	389,137	**553,546**	6.0	42.2	11.3
Haughton	1,670	4,852	6,077	6,261	6,595	4,110	5,229	**1,306**	-53.6	-75.1	48.6

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

Cities & Towns	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Haynesville	3,569	12,705	13,335	16,132	18,068	10,390	16,653	14,225	-15.0	-14.6	2.5
Henderson	1,750	17,226	3,991	3,867	4,483	3,520	2,206	6,316	14.2	186.3	14.8
Hodge	703										
Homer	4,478	30,523	27,839	26,246	23,212	14,024	19,814	37,442	-2.2	88.9	1.9
Iberville	32,981	316,802	316,019	314,677	350,569	282,646	298,398	407,769	-20.5	36.6	3.1
Independence	1,747	12,330	12,329	11,348	14,534	21,774	17,175	17,052	2.8	-0.8	19.9
Iota	1,334	4,312	4,460	4,607	4,524	3,125	5,170	4,263	-4.2	-17.6	8.9
Iowa	2,586	8,617	9,563	8,927	8,658	8,838	9,565	9,063	-2.2	5.3	2.2
Jeanerette	6,964	28,485	27,405	30,681	31,782	28,851	32,282	33,759	-7.4	4.5	1.1
Jefferson	476,915	5,674,871	5,703,838	8,350,903	8,266,515	8,386,398	8,312,280	10,099,719	56.5	21.5	33.7
Jennings	12,511	95,103	83,084	96,208	81,190	71,572	81,222	108,175	9.3	33.1	2.2
Jonesboro	5,096	60,007	60,886	62,146	61,982	50,784	63,783	78,352	-0.6	22.8	5.0
Kaplan	5,109	30,180	24,813	24,344							
Kentwood	2,748	18,455	27,440	30,705	32,027	26,873	17,825	54,626	148.1	206.4	48.6
Kinder	2,583	18,046	17,220	18,464	18,940	16,080	18,548	15,055	-18.9	-18.9	6.4
Krotz Springs	1,472	7,544	5,399	4,482	5,916	2,165	2,801	3,391	-89.1	21.0	-27.3
Lafayette	90,147	1,163,731	1,154,460	1,199,996	1,117,881	1,144,730	1,201,981	1,426,788	-3.3	18.7	8.2
Lafourche	88,349	146,212	183,748	163,713	208,268	147,206	182,996	184,145	-15.7	0.6	0.8
Lake Arthur	3,634	26,169	20,709	23,453	19,434	26,744	19,628	27,337	11.0	39.2	2.3
Lake Charles	75,955	630,329	626,389	577,121	744,059	536,690	664,037	764,237	-3.7	15.0	1.9
L Providence	6,361	21,513	17,800	17,742	20,896	17,940	16,365	22,514	2.1	37.5	-3.9
Leesville	9,107	82,603	81,889	83,245	65,359	104,130	110,671				
Livingston	66,451	6,147	6,521	8,402	6,387	5,722	8,397				
Lockport	2,510										
Logansport	1,689	8,358	10,598	7,126	12,441	7,547	9,398				
Loreauville	967	3,788	3,471	3,720	4,187	3,983	4,230	5,741	38.3	35.7	18.0
Lutcher	5,034	11,038	9,923	10,029	10,187	8,694	9,094	11,114	9.9	22.2	1.6
Madisonville	797	6,591	4,276	3,816	3,516	4,359	4,745	0			
Mamou	3,219	13,824	14,278	14,696	15,562	12,612	16,050	16,167	-29.5	0.7	25.5
Mandeville	6,806	83,961	95,204	78,212	77,720	84,382	81,323	107,784	5.2	32.5	23.9
Mangham	893	2,584	2,556	2,229	2,996	2,130	2,718	2,849	-19.1	4.8	1.8
Mansfield	6,514	45,469	43,803	47,865	46,256	39,497	59,012	51,625	-15.8	-12.6	1.3
Many	4,087	42,682	39,319	39,462	42,398	38,389	31,932				
Marksville	5,406	47,017	41,693	47,840	51,479	45,461	48,898	76,642	34.8	56.7	5.6
Maurice	536	3,500	3,030	3,160	2,300	2,680	3,340	3,990	21.8	19.4	3.4
Melville	1,767	4,170	3,975	4,260	4,466	3,530	4,400	4,400	11.4	0.0	0.7
Mer Rouge	795	5,268	4,896	6,527	7,875	5,411	6,123	3,890	16.9	-36.5	15.3
Mermentau	773	919	1,526	1,317	827	947	1,137	1,044	-11.8	-8.2	-61.2
Merryville	1,320	2,291	2,024	3,624	4,912	2,811	3,168	2,387	-28.8	-24.7	-8.3
Minden	14,974	97,162	94,563	84,078	114,499	82,358	104,292	191,224	64.4	83.3	14.4
Monroe	58,520	1,213,607	1,082,313	1,217,205	1,224,172	1,143,785	1,119,627	1,574,753	5.8	40.6	11.2
Mooringsport	911	1,423	2,038	1,490	1,612	1,419	2,682	1,313	0.0	-51.1	na
Moreauville	1,002	2,826	2,958	3,019	3,457	2,179	2,108	2,289	6.1	8.5	6.9
Morgan City	16,205	46,970	46,028	44,397	51,484	42,621	44,697	55,357	9.9	23.8	-3.7
Morganza											
Morse	858	1,357	2,326	2,138	2,138	1,251	1,674	1,792	8.9	7.0	11.0
Napoleonville	835	7,123	4,958	4,787	7,180	4,431	5,948	8,647	-4.2	45.3	3.1
Natchitoches	17,200	252,942	231,035	225,738	229,052	208,429	219,276	284,320	5.4	29.6	6.1
New Iberia	33,500	352,527	357,692	348,091	380,243	307,135	385,801	483,555	-0.9	25.3	3.0
New Llano	2,352	6,785	5,076	5,028	6,266	4,536	4,772	4,782	-25.8	0.2	16.0
New Orleans	567,062	10,124,293	13,602,403	10,895,637	11,578,324	11,406,222	13,341,612	12,624,849	6.6	-5.4	15.6
New Roads	5,152	38,434	36,568	45,830	37,027	44,396	46,767	45,887	0.5	-1.9	34.3
Oak Grove	2,215	24,981	21,620	21,239	23,510	19,989	22,494				
Oakdale	7,316	27,509	26,553	30,673	33,850	22,806	32,202	39,163	-3.2	21.6	1.5
Oberlin	1,776	5,197	5,834	6,160	8,191	6,915	6,770	4,782	-13.0	-29.4	8.3
Oil City	1,510	14,141	10,115	10,408	11,254	12,811	14,955	10,661	-8.1	-28.8	34.8
Opelousas	19,308	253,639	240,713	240,712	263,397	229,545	253,307	317,712	-5.8	25.4	1.3
Pearl River	1,819	5,510	5,922	8,198	8,199	4,586	6,711	15,776	122.1	135.0	12.5
Pine Prairie	775	3,853	3,783	4,052	6,962	3,052	3,855	4,609	48.5	19.5	22.9
Pineville	12,382	69,506	72,256	76,980	74,591	69,927	83,524	69,497	-6.3	-16.8	8.8
Plain Dealing	1,215	6,544	10,172	7,390	8,135	7,995	7,523	6,717	-19.2	-10.8	8.2
Plaquemine	26,778	304,000	468,000	339,141	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,219	-1.3	25.0	13.8
Plaucheville	196	744	808	755	887	942	886	896	8.0	1.1	-1.2
Pleasant Hill	860	888	1,669	577	2,005	1,019	1,077				
Pollock	459	1,174	1,073	1,300	1,197	1,643	909	1,288	-11.0	41.6	-2.2
Ponchatoula	5,559	61,685	66,038	63,392	72,122	55,149	75,448				
Port Allen	6,183	26,138	30,260	29,852	22,288	38,646	24,952	26,598	14.3	6.5	-1.3
Port Barre	2,849	3,977	9,661	9,492	6,238	8,552	6,846				

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Rayne	9,136	68,204	62,078	62,800	78,630	55,813	74,143	83,639	-15.5	12.8	-1.5
Rayville	4,790	46,332	49,049	43,321	45,476	37,499	42,463	61,189	6.4	44.0	6.7
Richmond	513	2,060	3,007	2,297	2,080	2,278	2,812	1,520	-7.5	-46.0	26.3
Ringold	1,728										
Roseland	1,327	5,856	6,109	7,596	4,315	6,415	5,334	5,501	6.6	3.1	14.3
Rosepine	1,001	1,178	1,801	1,860	1,956	1,799	6,028				
Sarepta	846	93.4	145.1	96.6	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Scott	3,731	53,941	54,982	46,793	52,564	48,785	48,234	44,619	43.8	-7.5	76.5
Shreveport	207,579	2,946,890	3,070,042	3,266,944	3,416,211	2,708,888	3,327,382	3,922,295	42.2	17.8	41.2
Sibley	1,227	1,131	809	1,386	1,020	1,016	680	1,324	20.8	94.7	19.2
Simmesport	2,313	7,418	7,262	8,683	9,515	6,779	8,756	5,911	-30.4	-32.5	1.4
Slidell	27,246	238,699	245,474	249,262	281,705	211,622	272,491	320,545	3.7	17.6	17.1
Sorrento	1,369	2,383	2,266	2,482	2,638	2,067	2,483	2,218	-5.0	-10.7	2.8
Springfield	459	2,358	2,647	2,130	2,666	3,774	2,362	2,541	25.6	7.5	18.4
Springhill	6,536	60,711	46,902	46,505	58,564	40,114	48,548	53,633	-8.6	10.4	9.9
St Francisville	1,553	19,427	18,554	19,343	21,465	14,784	20,684	22,271	-11.1	7.6	2.4
St James	21,970	206,542	187,796	241,373	166,494	155,539	132,011	167,760	-31.9	27.0	-22.2
St Martinville	8,331	37,991	30,952	32,361	33,940	30,764	36,793	41,603	10.4	13.0	6.1
St Mary	66,950	1,038,007	803,550	1,024,127	1,013,250	865,871	916,027	1,297,879	24.0	41.6	4.1
St Mary	66,950	48,245	27,355	39,893	52,601	37,024	35,087	65,174	39.6	85.7	142.9
St Mary	66,950	33,803	26,988	32,691	36,368	31,131	33,958	35,959	-9.9	5.8	192.5
Sterlington	1,437	4,160	5,145	3,755	4,266	3,535	6,786	4,808	15.3	-29.2	591.9
Sulphur	20,470	226,388	252,346	236,978	242,473	228,535	257,715	256,774	-9.7	-0.4	1.8
Sun	404	1,503	1,138	672	490	1,223	883	1,041	128.7	17.8	14.7
Sunset	2,476	7,212	6,441	8,971	7,340	8,504	8,349	8,349	-9.2	0.0	-3.9
Tallulah	11,381	31,103									
Tangipahoa	87,863	2,019	1,639	1,251	1,865	1,224	1,368	2,297	73.7	67.9	15.5
Thibodaux	16,219	219,856	220,405	218,900	259,662	214,378	235,448	260,987	-4.1	10.8	0.6
Tickfaw	611	2,056	3,235	2,471	823	3,976	1,394	2,242	239.1	60.8	54.9
Vidalia	6,062	33,189	34,395	38,301	37,339	38,213	36,098	46,060	11.9	27.5	11.6
Parks	na	4,348	4,341	4,948	5,442	4,150	4,744	4,438	20.5	-6.5	-10.6
Ville Platte	9,260	96,360	89,802	86,237	106,367	73,264	95,039	107,024	64.2	12.6	82.2
Vinton	3,742	20,483	24,129	22,350	25,165	19,171	26,359	19,193	-20.3	-27.2	7.3
Vivian	4,315	28,685	28,159	34,891	27,627	29,473	29,183	33,990	7.4	16.4	8.7
Walker	3,306	6,207	10,023	12,203	6,672	9,543	9,858	32,687	9.8	231.5	-6.3
Washington	1,319	3,766	3,417	4,163	4,337	3,121	5,313	5,313	33.9	0.0	3.7
Welsh	3,582	15,793	19,218	16,766	14,714	13,073	14,972	13,640	-11.0	-8.9	7.3
W B Rouge	20,168	124,202	114,072	121,675	113,390	109,130					
W Monre	15,107	283,629	246,176	269,276	291,738	241,737	265,377	355,098	12.4	33.8	8.6
Westlake	5,525	48,241	51,520	57,113	65,790	52,416	51,770	57,757	-3.8	11.5	3.4
Winnsboro	6,033	52,107	46,674	48,868	58,076	44,391	53,086	65,634	-0.6	23.6	4.7
Wisner	1,430	6,262	6,333	6,346	7,187	5,580	5,275	7,498	0.5	42.1	4.1
Youngsville	1,050	11,573	13,120	12,785	11,309	11,496	11,230	10,758	-14.9	-4.3	-5.0
Zachary	7,746	110,206	110,490	106,108	152,689	101,998	115,528	104,689	-29.3	-9.4	9.1
Total		31,282,962	34,580,610	35,015,668	36,387,593	34,045,175	37,487,626	41,453,470	13.8	10.5	17.1

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Parish School Boards

Per Cent Change

School Boards	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	248,159	265,374	349,151	322,996	203,439	258,812	332,753	2.0	28.5	7.9
Allen	21,739	142,867	85,318	100,652	105,617	68,031	95,278	113,522	7.2	19.1	19.3
Ascension	54,618	946,188	757,315	785,352	923,990	763,856	811,899	1,002,060	8.0	23.4	10.4
Assumption	23,955	171,512	177,020	180,605	201,427	191,009	182,1				
Avoyelles	42,715	225,549	171,260	208,387	250,112	206,354					
Beauregard	31,207	182,788	174,041	166,016	165,537	151,682	151,719	210,717	-4.5	38.8	17.6
Bienville	16,288	85,353	66,666	70,778	107,738	49,687	83,000	64,640	-24.1	-22.2	-23.4
Bogalusa (d)		99,424	91,156	93,413	95,379	98,925	111,576	91,069	4.9	-18.4	10.6
Bossier	88,370	776,453	736,126	755,993	982,419	553,935	765,612	823,158	-11.8	7.5	7.5
Caddo	261,817	1,748,015	1,817,726	2,038,995	2,081,272	1,605,449	2,008,392	2,250,985	7.4	12.0	9.8
Calcasieu	176,760	1,394,048	1,279,163	1,338,442	1,282,991	1,262,343	1,258,605	1,464,704	-15.3	16.3	-1.4
Caldwell	10,947	43,716	49,942	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	56,453	13.2	0.0	16.6
Catahoula	12,326										
Claiborne	18,367	85,5							-6.9	59.4	-1.0
Concordia	23,577	125,169	115,595	123,172	132,991	124,938	119,993	141,884	1.9	18.2	15.6
Desoto	26,970	156,282	230,917	153,197	255,251	119,442	159,640	199,118	-18.9	24.7	-7.9
E Baton Rouge	389,503	3,026,036	3,268,044	3,081,315	3,042,144	2,911,267	3,814,841	2,828,614	2.5	-25.9	10.3
E Carroll	11,671	38,569	39,146	38,810	43,207	29,639	43,421	39,015	-1.4	-10.2	3.2
E Feliciana	19,937	129,509	167,019	131,888	219,007	99,432	167,044	163,429	-17.2	-2.2	5.4
Evangeline	34,367	127,265	122,885	123,730	173,713	119,103	111,723	134,878	-14.7	20.7	9.6
Franklin	24,509	127,039	125,577	133,466	155,145	130,475	88,414	263,598	-2.9	198.1	14.6
Grant	17,621	44,571	38,333	38,157	43,178	34,672	31,001	31,449	-35.6	1.4	4.2
Iberia	69,257	710,513	658,209	688,536	645,946	656,906	821,067	674,061	20.5	-18.0	17.5
Iberville	32,981	316,976	315,996	315,754	350,566	282,890	298,574	407,659	-20.6	36.5	3.1
Jackson	17,309	408,902	179,846	182,390	146,935	165,509	196,971	113,478	-45.9	-42.4	12.8
Jeff Davis	33,017	242,410	177,144	195,476	188,497	175,169	171,808	313,379	54.1	82.4	11.9
Jefferson	476,915	5,734,327	5,761,945	5,252,537	5,225,916	5,280,852	5,231,013	6,424,741	-0.9	22.8	6.9
Lafayette	169,964	1,700,421	1,555,697	1,607,082	1,543,297	1,544,809	1,581,940	1,884,889	-2.3	19.1	10.7
Lafourche	88,349	438,739	494,469	469,254	571,267	418,585	523,744	591,491	-6.2	12.9	2.3
Lasalle	17,697	72,220	70,966	85,249	134,431	78,031	49,416	125,938	9.3	154.8	6.2
Lincoln	41,847	185,292	203,024	247,046	221,714	198,183	302,121	183,061	11.6	-39.5	14.0
Livingston	66,451	603,602	557,401	604,310	518,005	507,152	434,273	545,034	-23.6	25.5	-1.0
Madison	15,894	71,000	67,000	72,000	91,000	59,000	77,000	78,000	9.8	1.2	13.1
Monroe		187,777	162,393	182,372	190,152	168,410	166,638	229,762	13.7	37.8	9.9
Morehouse	35,183	136,998	118,815	139,059	202,617	137,121	155,780	117,413	-15.4	-24.7	0.2
Natchitoches	40,805	209,862	187,443	207,931	250,481	160,694	197,084	226,131	1.2	14.7	11.0
Orleans	567,062	4,448,716	5,829,525	4,606,448	5,202,755	5,192,704	4,394,116	5,624,718	8.1	28.0	16.2
Ouachita	142,300	306,372	264,957	297,555	310,247	274,774	271,883	374,875	13.7	37.8	9.9
Plaquemine	26,778	304,000	468,000	339,141	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,209	-1.3	25.0	13.8
Pointe Coupee	25,091	165,480	88,821	89,236	131,379	163,348	90,530	217,420	100.5	140.1	30.5
Red River	11,114	24,436	41,747	35,155	44,837	29,927	35,287	34,557	-24.3	-2.1	4.0
Richland	22,785	122,739	135,302	187,328	118,238	102,831	200,552	125,206	-44.9	-37.6	10.2
Sabine	27,139	98,444	105,897	95,789	125,838	89,082	118,191	106,899	-14.6	-9.6	2.8
St Bernard	67,949	597,635	668,179	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	454,195	-28.7	-29.7	-5.9
St Charles	41,103	703,231	712,436	863,456	617,200	454,904	1,056,690	622,883	1.7	-41.1	1.7
St Helena	10,186	32,541	29,240	37,687	40,703	22,021	20,312	29,814	-16.4	45.7	8.0
St James	21,970	471,627	445,607	532,451	385,340	367,389	312,872	400,543	-27.7	28.0	-19.6
St John	37,668	491,994	499,754	475,964	589,343	456,893	427,727	566,367	7.0	32.4	4.2
St Landry	87,800	427,522	326,550	364,011	485,641	354,275	331,549	470,949	-14.4	42.0	3.3
St Martin	44,455	346,069	341,823	404,296	409,606	342,780	365,486	476,213	114.9	30.2	62.6
St Mary	66,950	436,240	555,981	551,547	550,081	470,072	497,299	704,593	24.0	41.6	6.5
St Tammany	128,130	1,350,985	1,513,266	1,486,904	1,508,928	1,677,144	1,450,760	1,690,443	2.9	16.5	12.2
Tangipahoa	87,863	771,748	836,165	816,659	1,042,696	873,229	740,893	1,069,406	4.5	44.3	20.6
Tensas	8,244	35,490	36,990	29,608	44,756	33,527	33,326	37,384	-6.9	12.1	15.2
Terrebonne	102,038	725,365	609,888	617,641	650,726	613,320	716,065				
Union	21,734	63,544	76,383	78,207	106,155	76,694	47,080	97,905	17.1	107.9	7.8
Vermillion	52,445										
Vernon	61,275	160,697	200,264	167,486	146,864	154,737					
Washington	45,765	145,014									
Webster	45,205	338,667	217,395	224,470	256,330	212,144	215,423	277,865	12.7	28.9	13.5
W B Rouge	20,168	124,201	114,072	121,674	113,395	109,133	103,177	180,758	0.9	75.1	19.5
W Carroll	13,267	45,141	42,410	48,811	66,470	36,638	26,464	76,111	-4.5	187.6	10.4
W Feliciana	13,269	4,167,813	162,818	267,209	225,485	393,333	228,940	317,062	46.5	38.4	15.4
Winn	17,575	72,054	102,586	88,780	101,914	74,694	82,392	100,315	9.7	21.7	1.9
Total		37,921,218	34,785,487	33,675,581	35,076,148	32,073,925	33,285,257	36,631,319	-4.0	10.0	2.3

Economic Indicators: United States

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Producer Price Indexes										
Finished Goods	292.3	291.3	289.5	291.5	292.3	292.4	**292.7**	0.1	0.1	2.0
Finished Consumer Goods	291.6	290.4	288.7	290.3	291.2	291.3	**291.1**	-0.2	-0.1	2.0
Intermediate Materials	321.7	321.1	320.3	320.1	320.5	319.8	**319.6**	-0.7	-0.1	2.1
Crude Materials	334.1	328.9	326.2	319.6	323.7	323.1	**319.4**	-4.3	-1.1	1.6
Consumer Price Indexes										
All Items	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	**316.1**	1.5	0.2	4.2
Food and Beverages	295.3	296.9	296.4	296.6	296.3	297.2	**299.3**	2.6	0.7	3.6
Housing	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	**342.0**	0.8	0.2	4.1
Apparel and Upkeep	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	**199.8**	1.7	-1.7	1.7
Transportation	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	**314.7**	0.6	-0.4	4.3
Medical Care	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	**391.1**	2.8	0.6	6.3
Entertainment	255.3	256.4	257.3	258.3	259.0	260.1	**261.0**	2.4	0.3	3.7
Industrial Production Indexes										
Total Index	165.9	166.0	165.0	164.4	164.8	165.0	**165.5**	-0.4	0.3	9.1
Energy	144.0	143.0	142.8	139.8	142.7	141.8	**143.7**	1.4	1.3	4.9
Durable Consumer Goods	163.7	162.6	159.6	158.7	161.5	161.3	**161.2**	-1.4	-0.1	7.2
Nondurable Consumer Goods	163.9	162.4	162.4	162.7	163.0	163.0	**163.5**	-0.5	0.3	5.1
Business Equipment	185.5	187.6	186.4	187.3	188.4	189.9	**189.5**	11.0	-0.2	17.5
Defense and Space Equipment	135.9	136.8	139.5	141.1	142.2	144.8	**145.9**	13.7	0.7	13.4
Construction Supplies	161.9	160.9	158.2	158.6	156.9	157.0	**156.7**	0.7	-0.2	9.0
Business Supplies	189.5	189.1	187.6	188.0	189.2	189.1	**190.0**	0.4	0.4	8.3
Durable Goods Materials	164.2	165.3	164.3	162.9	162.3	161.3	**162.5**	-1.1	0.7	14.9
Nondurable Goods Materials	186.5	186.7	184.0	182.1	181.9	180.7	**180.8**	-0.3	0.0	4.5
Energy Materials	133.7	133.0	132.7	127.6	129.4	130.7	**132.7**	1.0	1.5	4.9
Home Goods and Clothing	139.7	139.6	138.9	138.3	137.2	137.0	**135.3**	-3.5	-1.3	5.1
Leading Economic Indicators										
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	164.0	164.4	165.6	164.0	164.8	163.9	**166.7**	1.3	1.8	5.2
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicator	155.7	155.7	156.0	156.2	157.3	158.4	**158.7**	0.1	0.2	9.9
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators	118.9	119.9	121.1	122.3	122.1	122.2	**123.5**	12.4	1.0	6.6
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio	131.0	129.9	128.8	127.7	128.8	129.6	**128.5**	-1.7	-0.9	3.5
Money										
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec	10.13	10.49	10.41	9.97	8.79	8.16	**7.76**	-13.2	-5.0	-8.6
Yield on State & Local Bonds	10.42	9.99	10.10	10.25	10.17	9.95	**9.51**	-5.6	-4.5	-9.1
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds	13.44	12.87	12.66	12.63	12.29	12.13	**12.08**	-6.8	-0.5	-0.8
M1 : Currency + Demand Deposits ($ Bil)	546.9	548.9	551.5	548.3	553.8	558.5	**562.7**	5.8	0.7	6.3
M2 : M1 + Other Checkable Deposits ($ B	2,280.2	2,292.8	2,308.2	2,318.7	2,345.9	2,371.8	**2,399.3**	6.9	1.1	7.4
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	128,299.3	128,141.9	124,117.4	142,907.2	134,016.3	137,512.0	**140,678.6**	16.3	2.3	18.3
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	53.0	53.4	53.1	57.7	58.3	na	**na**	na	na	na
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	674.3	682.5	682.8	701.5	712.1	na	**na**	na	na	na
Commercial Bank De,osits ($ Bil)	1,380.3	1,388.1	1,387.1	1,414.0	1,431.0	na	**na**	na	na	na
Employment Statistics Data										
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	176.4	176.6	176.8	177.0	177.1	177.3	**177.4**	1.0	0.0	1.2
Civilian Labor Force	113.9	113.6	113.8	114.0	114.1	114.5	**114.9**	2.3	0.3	1.9
Percent of Population	64.5	64.3	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.6	**64.8**	1.2	0.3	0.6
Employed	105.4	105.2	105.4	105.7	105.9	106.3	**106.4**	3.0	0.0	4.6
Employment-Population Ratio	59.7	59.5	59.6	59.7	59.8	59.9	**60.0**	2.0	0.1	2.6
Unemployed	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.2	**8.5**	-5.6	3.6	-19.1
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2	**7.4**	-6.3	2.7	-20.6

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Audubon State Commemorative Area	11,368	1,596	8,600	7,450	6,294	5,552	4,782	-58.2	-13.9	-14.2
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	584	485	821	535	382	355	179	-16.0	-49.6	20.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	11,579	7,316	3,896	2,278	2,654	2,051	1,251	-9.1	-39.1	13.8
Chicot State Park	54,579	18,400	10,220	9,561	20,098	29,870	21,970	16.5	-26.5	11.3
Cypremort Point State Park	25,076	16,566	9,578	2,252	2,974	2,741	923	-24.1	-66.4	19.7
Edward Douglass White Memorial	79	55	20	95	24	17	5	-83.4	-70.6	94.8
Fairview-Riverside State Park	23,100	11,420	19,996	14,037	13,301	10,340	10,606	11.7	2.5	30.7
Fontainbleau State Park	98,560	68,272	58,710	25,412	18,712	25,066	25,090	64.5	0.0	127.6
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	3,384	6,200	2,268	3,184	5,538	6,588	4,932	60.4	-25.2	-0.4
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	47,718	36,022	39,112	33,150	23,640	6,352	7,000	-39.6	10.2	111.7
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	3,384	4,048	2,160	1,561	1,679	3,129	1,274	110.2	-59.3	112.4
Grand Isle State Park	53	162	147	370	324	190	301	0.0	58.4	-98.7
Hodges Gardens	3,533	2,430	2,064	1,470	1,083	0	205	7.3	0.0	-18.0
Indian Creek Recreational Area	25,361	14,012	7,355	2,574	2,606	1,813	859	-31.1	-52.7	1.9
Kent House State Commemorative Area	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Lake Bistineau State Park	23,226	13,303	9,710	6,898	4,674	3,889	4,085	31.1	5.0	6.1
Lake Bruin State Park	15,670	10,706	7,842	4,082	3,288	2,764	4,624	96.9	67.2	6.7
Lake Claiborne State Park	39,332	29,174	15,504	2,504	5,095	2,950	1,312	-56.7	-55.6	11.3
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	5,722	4,300	3,515	2,303	1,525	1,481	1,474	18.4	-0.5	15.1
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	23,048	14,208	15,270	8,920	9,474	10,044	7,794	-46.2	-22.5	-13.5
Los Adeas	58	39	1,475	675	570	604	495	910.2	-18.1	514.2
Avery Island										
Louisiana State Arboretum										
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	27,200	22,400	23,600	86,000	15,200	6,100	7,100	-31.1	16.3	-10.5
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	44,814	37,729	37,007	47,937	31,247	3,382	4,863	24.8	43.7	135.0
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	4,135	17,550	30,025	615,300	24,675	64,050	36,360	26.8	-43.3	-12.7
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	4,280	4,090	3,274	1,982	1,920	2,150	2,069	6.1	-3.8	16.6
Old Arsenal Museum	6,128	4,463	3,187	2,799	2,537	2,988	1,304	-40.5	-56.4	-13.2
Marksville State Commemorative Area	16,624	9,118	13,525	7,380	4,836	3,661	3,541	-53.3	-3.3	506.5
Old State Capitol	6,928	5,742	3,842	4,821	2,727	1,303	484	-83.9	-62.9	-5.8
Plaquemine Locks	267	548	55	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	60.5
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	7,258	4,751	2,754	4,162	3,850	2,413	2,127	121.5	-11.9	91.2
Rebel State Commemorative Area	2,120	1,781	2,020	5,537	1,129	1,221	1,173	7.3	-4.0	-0.4
St. Bernard State Park	18,268	5,371	8,653	10,976	10,394	7,812	9,858	160.6	26.1	97.7
Sam Houston Jones State Park	39,130	29,405	28,308	10,928	19,284	28,764	17,977	58.2	-37.6	10.3
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	200	195	142	75	0	0	62	87.5	0.0	23.1

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Greenwood*	31,740	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	6,848	5,085	-26.4	-25.8	17.1
Kentwood (I-55)*	27,302	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	3,461	2,923	-26.0	-15.6	84.4
Louisiana State Capitol*	23,604	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	7,314	7,435	-0.2	1.6	-0.6
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	18,958	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	7,721	4,231	-29.1	-45.3	3.3
New Orleans*	14,307	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	2,879	3,500	-18.0	21.5	-2.6
Pearl River (I-59)	105,665	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	27,001	19,555	-56.8	-27.6	-22.9
St. Francisville*	5,629	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	1,104	1,125	19.6	1.9	9.9
Slidell (I-10 W)	133,627	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	63,677	57,929	29.8	-9.1	46.2
Toledo Bend*	3,190	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	731	483	-37.2	-34.0	2.4
Vidalia*	2,637	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	886	795	-14.1	-10.3	16.9
Vinton (I-10 E)*	51,584	37,712	25,582	25,279	18,099	18,287	17,550	8.1	-4.1	39.0

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